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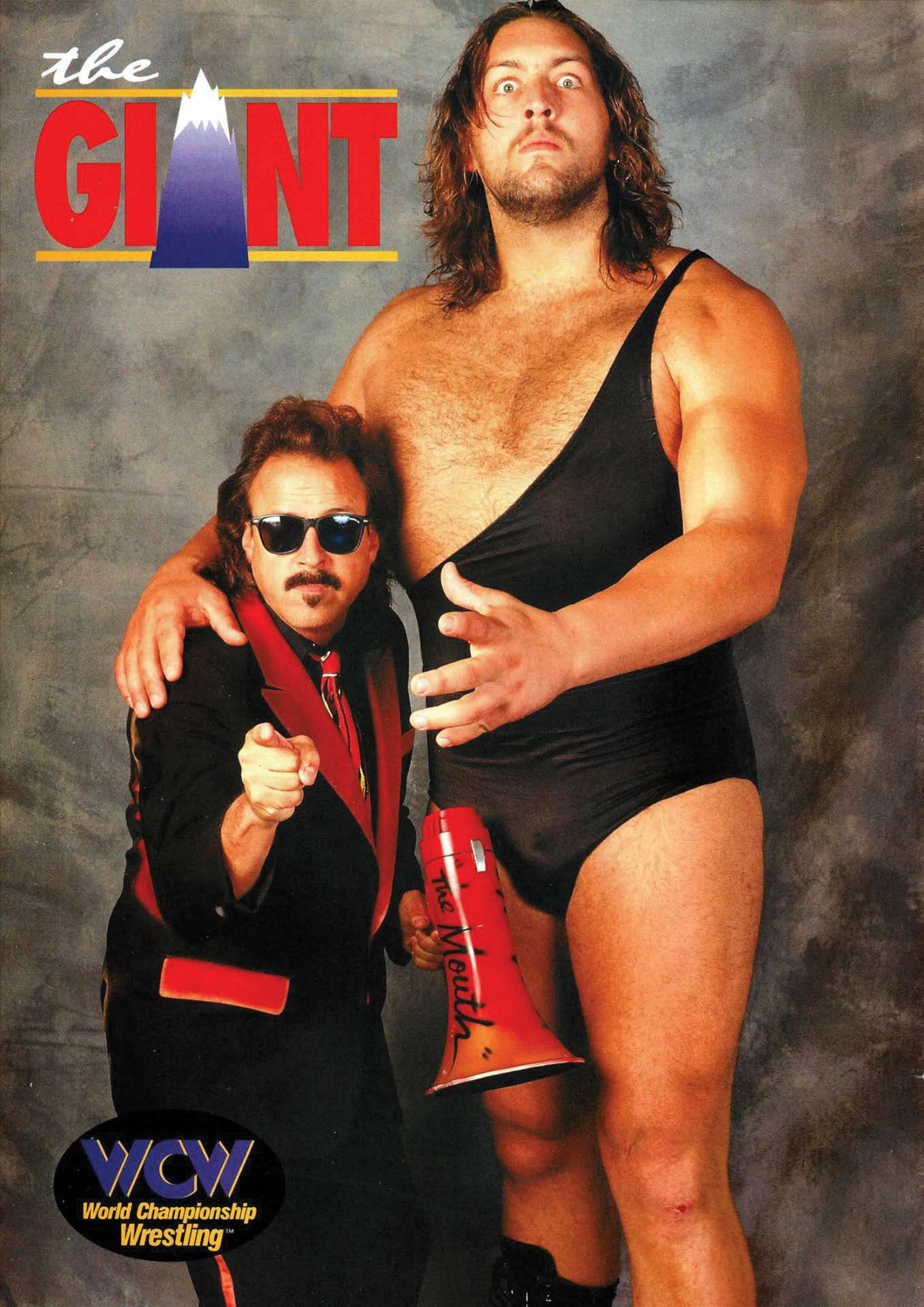
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Editor's Note

Starrcade '95 brought down the curtain on the most memorable year in WCW's colorful history. Inside this issue you can relive some of the events that established WCW as the leading wrestling organization in the world.

More than one envious glance was cast toward Atlanta as several of the World's top wrestlers decided to ply their trade under the auspices of World Championship Wrestling in deference to anywhere else.

Of course a growth in the talent roster means that there were casualties, wrestlers who were not prepared to fight for their status were released, but nobody left willingly . . . and why would they?

If you want to compete against the best wrestlers in North America, well this is the place to do it.

If you want to challenge Japan's finest, then look no further than WCW.

The finest wrestlers from Mexico and Europe can also be found here and I am sure there will be many more arriving in the near future.

I would like to extend my personal welcome to Public Enemy, Konan and Psychosis, world renowned wrestlers who will test WCW's current stars to the extreme.

1995 was also the year that WCW Magazine returned. I hope you have enjoyed the last twelve issues and we look forward to bringing you all the news and gossip from 1996. If there are any features or superstars you would like to see featured, then please don't hesitate to write and let us know.

I have also been asked to pass on a message to those of you who are thinking of subscribing. Please print your names and addresses clearly on the subscription form, so that there is no delay in you receiving your first issue.

On a another special note I would just like to thank our most prolific letter writer, Bob Smith from PA. (not our Executive Editor). Please keep up the good work, your entertaining monthly letters make our jobs worthwhile.

I can also report that voting in the Reader Awards ballot has been exceptional. Every category has been keenly fought and even now voting could go any way.

Finally I think 1995 will be remembered as 'The Year of Nitro.' Who would have thought a brand new Monday night wrestling show, would have not only challenged Raw's position but positively left it trailing in the dust just 8 months ago? Nobody and certainly nobody in Connecticut. 1995 was only the start and in 1996, to paraphrase Eric Bischoff, "We're going to stomp mudholes in the competition!"

There is one important thing to remember though . . . you the fan. Without you, wrestling is nothing. You supply the excitement and I hope to meet you all at the arenas we will be appearing at this year. Please keep in touch and continue to support WCW — THE TRUE POWER IN PRO-WRESTLING.
Best Wishes,

Colin Bowman
Editor

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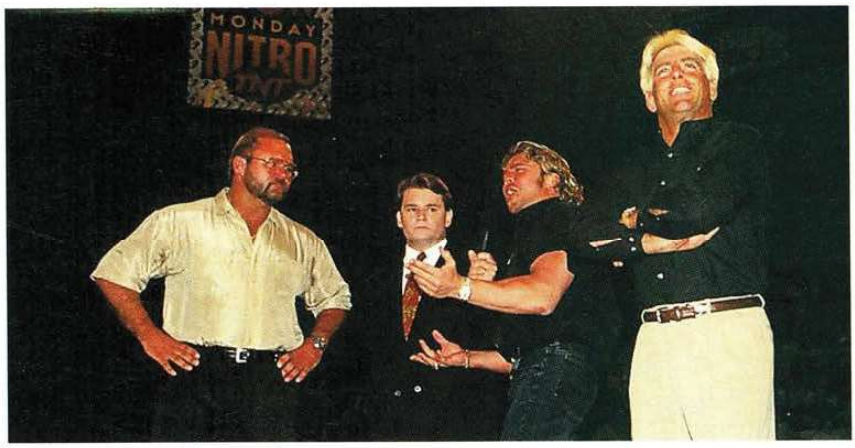
HIGH TECH HORSEMEN



Flyin' Brian Pillman speaks his mind to millions of listeners each week on WLW, a 50,000-watt radio station based in Cincinnati. He also is a regular on the Internet, expounding the virtues of Horseman power.

Fellow Horsemen Ric Flair, Arn Anderson and Chris Benoit also have their own say via any number of high-tech outlets.

Yes, The Four Horsemen of 1996 are a machine, a propaganda machine positioned to reach the masses.

"Just like the Mafia," Pillman says, laughing, "The Four Horseman are in the process of getting control of everything and everyone. No one can stop us. No one. So you might as well join us."

And, amazingly, it seems as though there are countless Horsemen supporters out there, people of all ages, races, creeds and colors. There seems to be "Fifth" Horsemen everywhere.

So how will this affect WCW?

Simple: advantage Horsemen.

"You've heard it before and you'll hear it again, we don't care if you like us or if you hate us . . . just learn to live with us, because we are the best thing going today. Whooooo!," Flair said.

Pillman, as mentioned, has appeared since last fall along with Bill Cunningham on WLW, a mega-station that takes calls from, literally, everywhere, including one in late-1995 from a listener 25 miles south of the Arctic Circle.

"This is my chance to interact with the public, through a lot of (phone) calls. And I like that," Pillman said. "We don't just talk about wrestling and/or sports, rather, we hit on politics, police and, of course, local news, among other things."

And Pillman is as opinionated as anyone. Consider some of his views:

"O.J. . . . he did it!"

"We need to lock up drug dealers and throw away the key for good. Cops need to be able to take back the streets."

Said Flair, "Brian is someone ya gotta love — unless, of course, your initials are F.C.C."

WCW Magazine has learned that WLW does, like most stations in America, have a "Seven-second delay" between the time an announcer says something and the time it actually is broadcast. WCW Magazine also has learned that Flyin' Brian has pushed the limit of libel countless times.

"Hey, all I'm doing is giving the public the truth, news that needs to be told," said Pillman.

WCW EVENT NEWS

Here are the dates of WCW's upcoming major events:

March 24, 1996 **Uncensored**
May 19, 1996 **Slamboree**
June 16, 1996 **Great American Bash**
July 7, 1996 **Bash at the Beach**
August 15, 1996 **Special Event**
September 15, 1996 **Fall Brawl**
October 27, 1996 **Halloween Havoc**
November 24, 1996 **World War 3**
December 29, 1996 **Starrcade**

BIRTHDAY CORNER

February 25, Ric Flair
March 20, Sting

ONE MAN GOLD

Starrcade '95 produced yet another shock after the pay-per-view ended. In a special challenge match One Man Gang pinned Kensuke Sasaki to win the WCW US Championship following his patented 747 splash.

MOVIE BUFF

He's several thousand miles away from his family and friends and is living in a city (Atlanta) he's still not too familiar with. Plus, at 20, Alex can't hang out with the other wrestlers after matches.

But don't think for one moment that "Das Wunderkind" just hides out in his apartment at night. "No way," he says, "I'd go crazy if I did that."

Wright has found an attraction to the silver screen. Yes, the German superstar is a regular at the theater. Wright said he saw the vast majority of movies that were released in 1995.

"I enjoy it and, basically, going to the theater has now become a regular part of my life," Wright said. "It's part of my inner force to get out and do something. I don't want to just sit around the apartment. Plus, it gives me the chance to meet people, which is something I like."

Is he a popcorn person?

"No, it doesn't go with my fat-free diet," Wright said. "But, on occasion, I will eat some sweets (candy), such as Skittles. Actually, though, I usually just take a protein shake to the theater."

So which movies have the Wright stuff? Here are some of Alex's all-time favorites: "Dances With Wolves," "Waterworld," "Tommy Boy ("That was hilarious.")," "Money Train," "What About Bob?," "Rain Man," "Days of Thunder" and "Silence of the Lambs."

Wright's favorite actors are Kevin Costner, Paul Newman and Richard Gere. His favorite actresses are Sharon Stone and Jodie Foster.

"The movie experience is different here than in Germany," Wright said. "In Germany, we get a new movie every month or so, whereas here in America there are new movies almost daily."

Wright prefers watching English-speaking movies because they help him learn the language. "I've really improved my English by listening to American movies."

Wright also enjoys television. His favorite shows are: "Seinfeld," "Married . . . With Children" and "The Late Show With David Letterman."

"I also like cartoons, such as Mickey Mouse," Wright said, "and, when my brother (Patrick, 12) visits me from Germany, we often play Nintendo."

"Yeah, I guess you could say I'm just a kid at heart."

Is acting in his future?

"If the chance was there, I'd love to do it," he said. "I could see myself playing a comedian, or a tough-guy or maybe even a sensitive guy. Maybe there's a second career there for me."

WCW UnCensored

Control Center

Make sure March 24, 1996 is circled on your calendar as WCW's superstars once again compete in wrestling's most dangerous pay-per-view event — UNCENSORED.

All your favorite stars will be there including Sting, Hulk Hogan, Ric Flair, Randy Savage and Lex Luger. It promises to be a night of unbridled insanity as this unsanctioned and unauthorized event once again returns to Tupelo, Mississippi at the Coliseum.

If you thought last years was wild, well you ain't seen nothing yet. It will be anything goes as friends unite and enemies battle. It's everything you've wanted to see, plus the stuff you haven't thought of yet.

Tickets are available from the Coliseum Box Office, but don't worry if you can't be there in person. You can enjoy the show from the best seat in the house . . . your own armchair. Order the show on pay-per-view from your local cable operator at a cost of just $27.95.

Keep watching all of WCW's telecasts for more information about this wild and crazy event.

CLOSE TO HIS HART

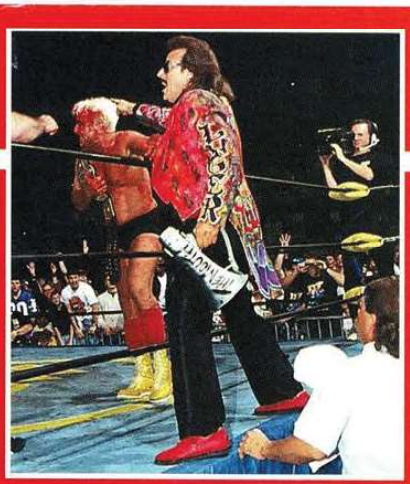
If like us you have found the recent actions of Jimmy Hart puzzling, perhaps this conversation we had with him will help.

WCW Magazine: Jimmy, how is it possible that you are managing Lex Luger, Kevin Sullivan, Ric Flair and are associated with the members of the Dungeon of Doom, especially when all the above named parties are feuding with each other?

Jimmy Hart: Kevin Sullivan and me formulated the plan to end Hulkamania and it is important that I keep close tabs on all of Hulk's enemies. It is unfortunate that several of the wrestlers I am involved with have disputes with each other, but hopefully my presence can help ease these pressures and bring about the complete demise of the Hulkster and his followers forever.

WCW Magazine: Where do your true loyalties lie then?

Jimmy Hart: Hulk told me you had to keep all of your friends close and your enemies closer. Soon everyone will be left in no doubt as to where my loyalties lie. That's for me to know. Jimmy Hart is not in

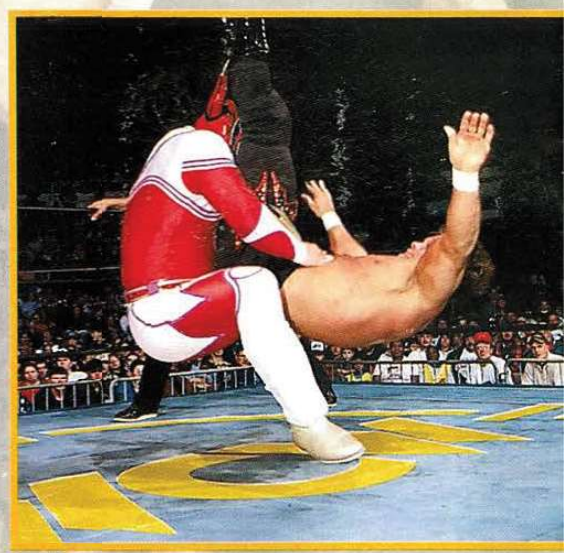


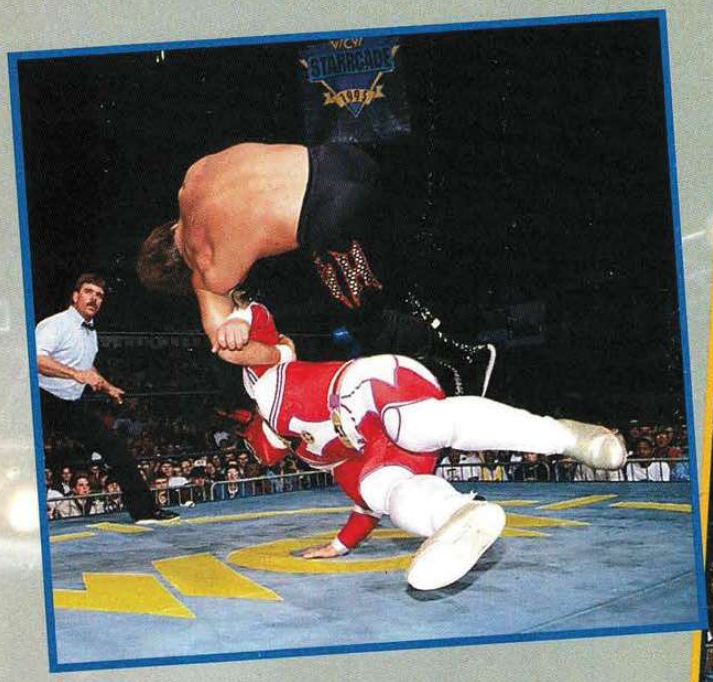
WCW for a good time, he's here for a long time. I'm not the sport's most successful manager for nothing, you know.

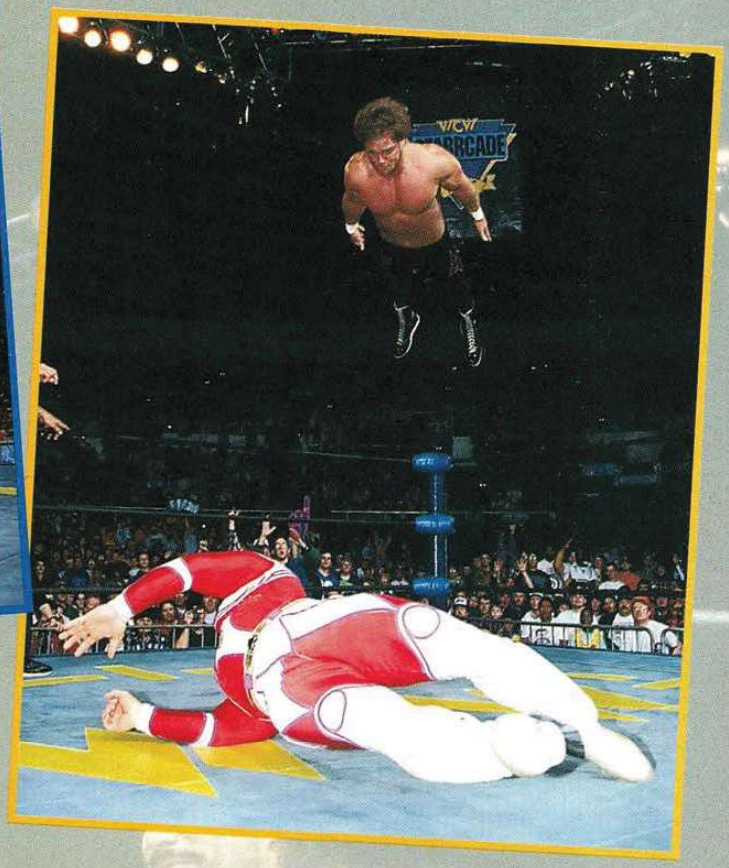
STARRCADE '95 HISTORY IN MUSIC CITY

It's long been known as the granddaddy of all supercards, but Starrcade '95 in Nashville might've been the biggest WCW pay-per-view event ever. WCW truly established itself as the top wrestling organization in the world by winning the World Cup, while the seemingly impossible happened as Ric Flair won the World title for an unprecedented 12th time!

Even though the "Canadian Crippler" is now firmly ensconced as a member of the Four Horsemen, he clearly had a majority of the fans at the Municipal Auditorium on his side for this action-packed bout. That's because the fans realized this was the first of a best-of-seven tournament and every victory by the







WCW contingent was important if they were to wrest the World Cup from the forces of New Japan Pro Wrestling.

Amazingly, Benoit nearly matched the legendary Liger hold for devastating hold, and seemed en route to victory. However, the Taskmaster came to ringside and had to be restrained from going after Benoit by Jimmy Hart! When Benoit moved over to the ring apron to argue with the Dungeon of Doom's leader, Liger caught him with a incredible standing flying headscissors followed by a rollup for the victory. Could this mark the beginning of more trouble between the Horsemen and the Dungeon of Doom?

CHRIS BENOIT

VS

World Cup Match #1

JUSHIN "THUNDER" LIGER (with Sonny Onoo)

WORLD CUP STANDINGS

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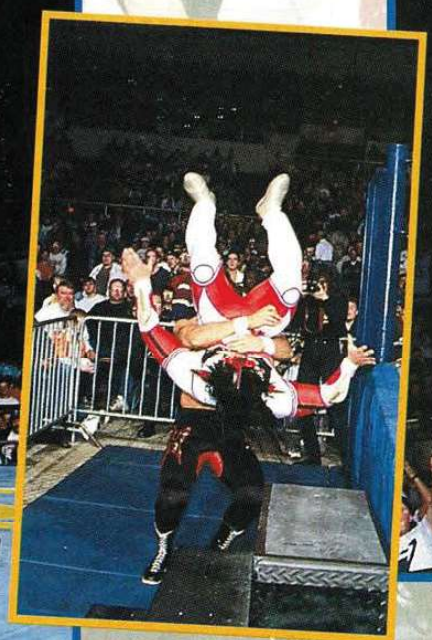

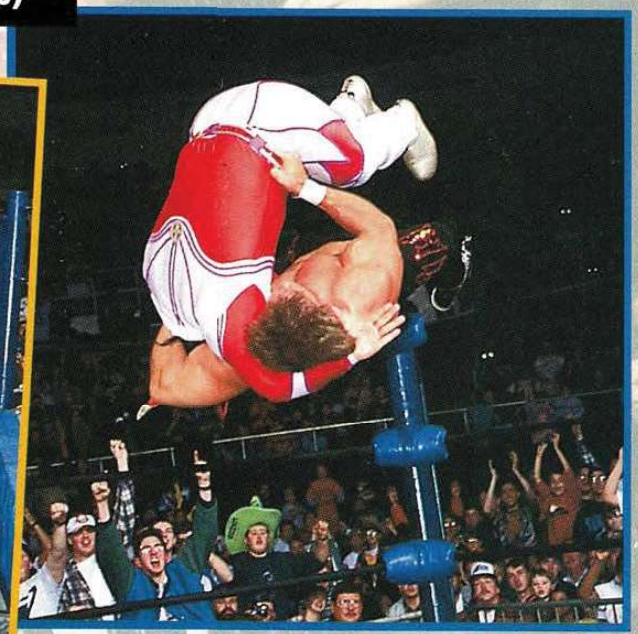

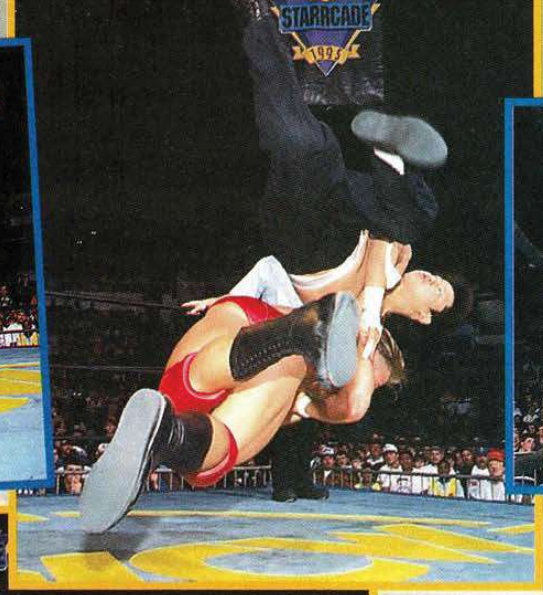

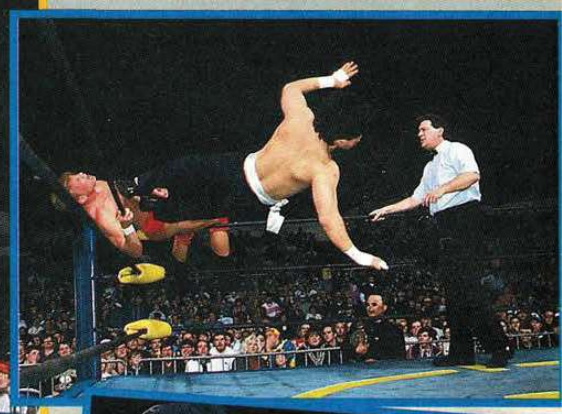

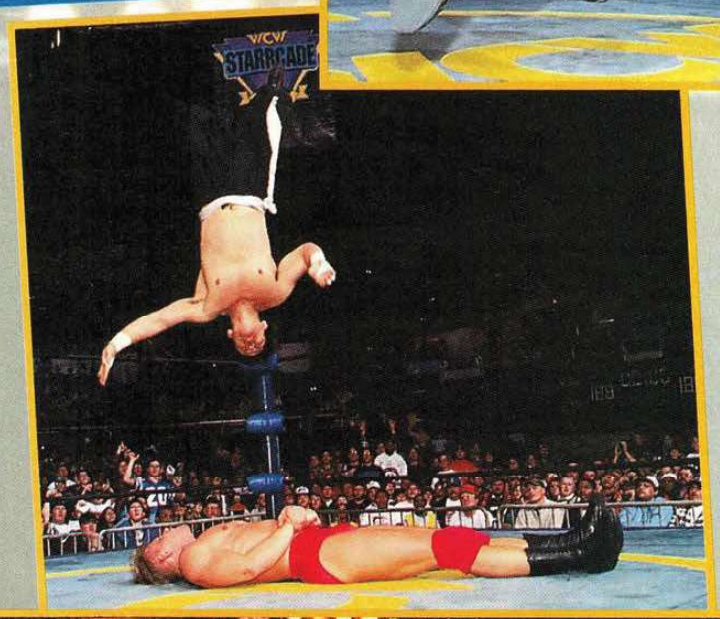

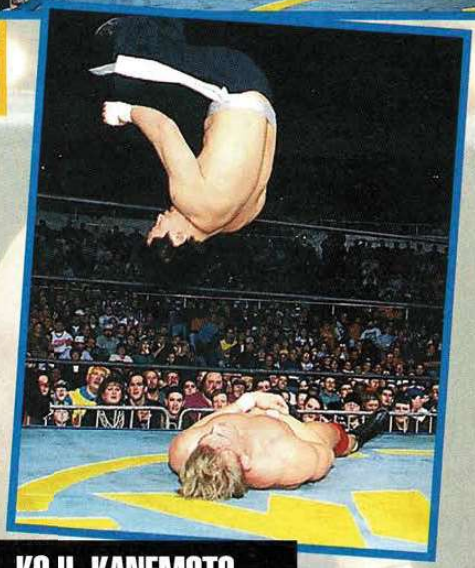

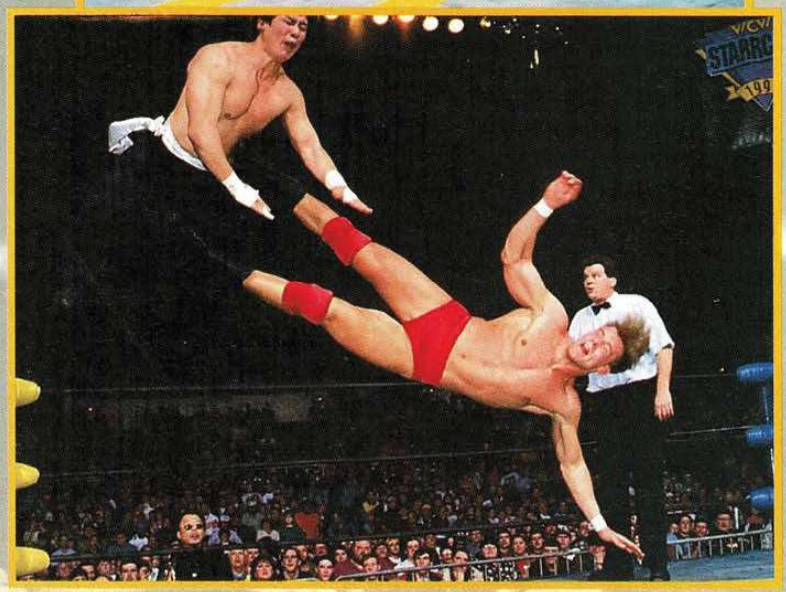

KOJI KANEMOTO (with Sonny Onoo)

VS

World Cup Match #2

ALEX WRIGHT

Who would have thought that Kanemoto, the IWGP Junior Heavyweight Champion at the time (Liger has since dethroned him), could be so vicious? Who would have predicted that Wright, one of the most purely scientific WCW superstars, could be tempted into a match that featured some wild out of the ring brawling? The arrogant and surly Kanemoto even scored with a gorgeous moonsault on Wright, but refused to make the pin! Kanemoto obviously did not know Wright very well, as "Das Wunderkind" rebounded to blast Koji with some amazing flying maneuvers. However, Kanemoto caught Wright, smashed his head onto the top turnbuckle from a standing position and then rolled him up for the pinfall. At this point, WCW fans were getting uneasy at their World Cup prospects!

WORLD CUP STANDINGS

NEW JAPAN 2

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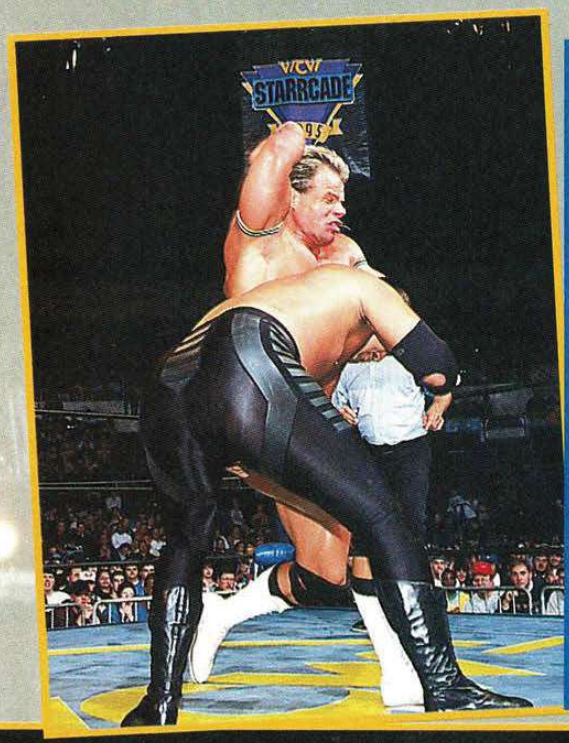
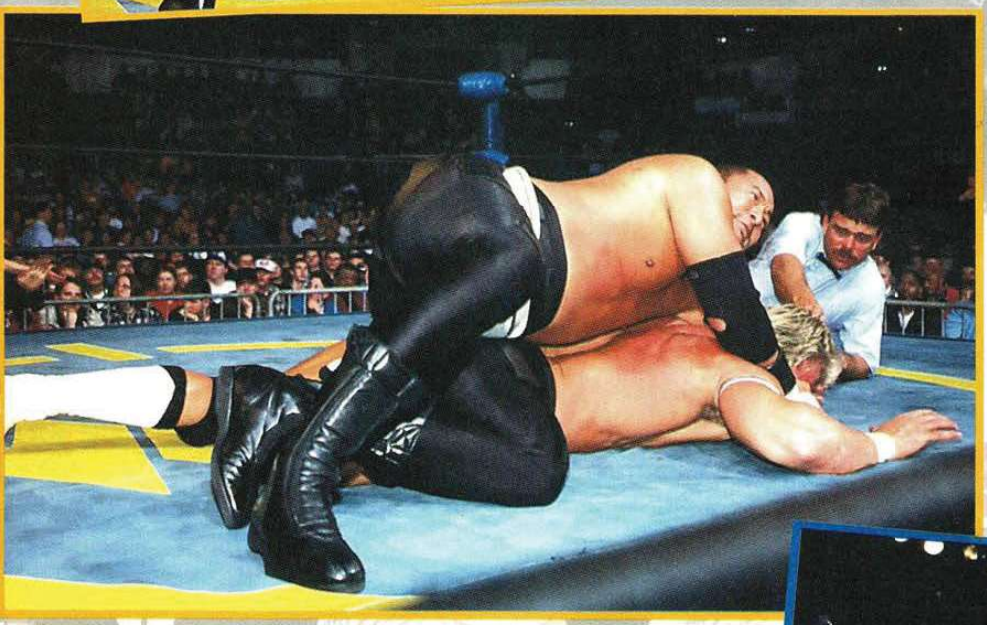


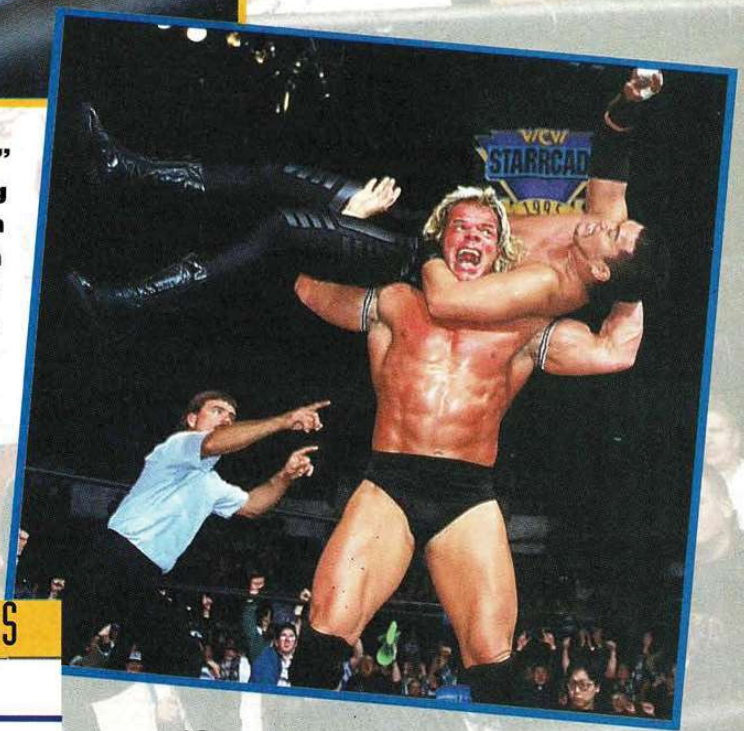


LEX LUGER

VS

World Cup Match #3

MASAHIRO CHONO (with Sonny Onoo)



Hungry to win, the "Total Package" began the match by dominating the Japanese superstar Chono with power moves. Chono rebounded with a karate kick, followed by a neckbreaker and an STF stepover toehold, but Luger reached the ropes and forced the referee to break the hold. Chono's vaunted "Yakuza" kick floored Luger, but Lex caught Chono as he flew from the top turnbuckle with a big elbow. One torture rack later, Luger scored the first WCW World Cup victory in this incredible all-action match!

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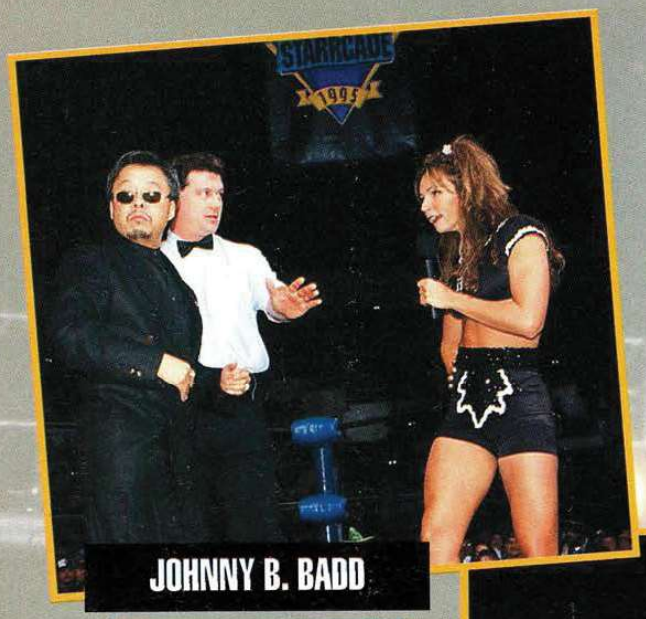
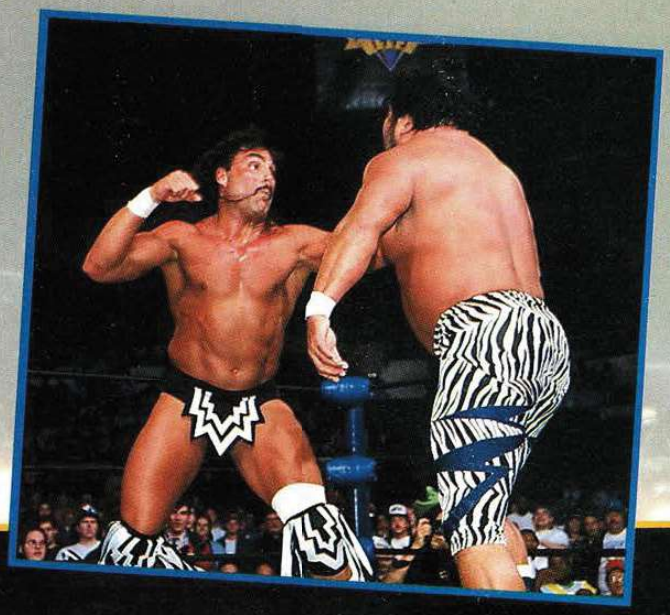




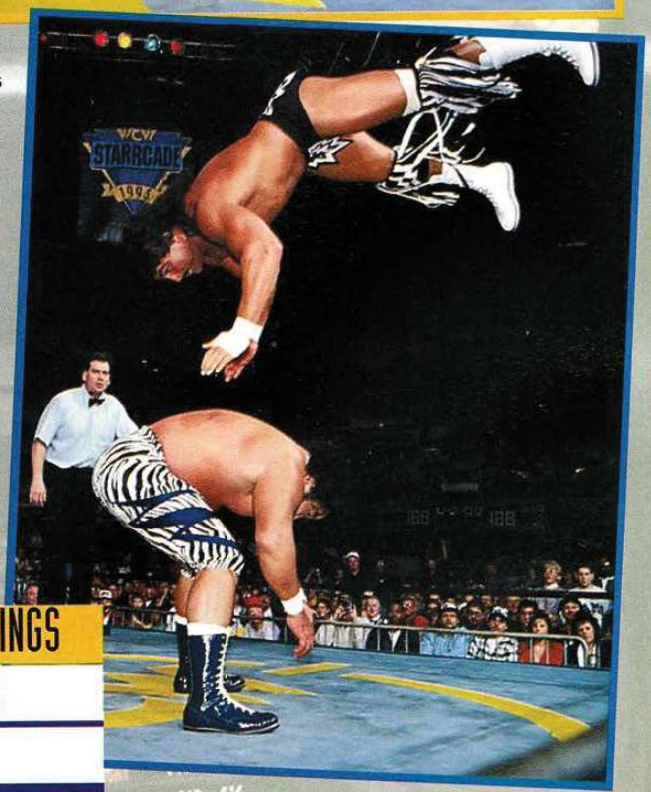
JOHNNY B. BADD

VS

World Cup Match #4

Mr. SAITO
(with Sonny Onoo)

Some fans might have thought that Badd lucked out by drawing the veteran Saito as his opponent, but Saito proved he was as vicious and cunning as ever during this surprisingly even match. Saito couldn't even be distracted by the gorgeous Kimberly in her athletic togs! Sonny Onoo grabbed the microphone before the bout and claimed that wrestling is a "man's sport" and that Kimberly should not be allowed at ringside. Kimberly retorted that "If wrestling is a man's sport, what are YOU doing here?" This was the first bout where Onoo interfered, choking down Johnny with the Japanese flag when Badd got too close to the ropes. Johnny rebounded with beautiful offensive maneuvers, including a legdrop from over the top rope. When Onoo and Saito combined to flip Badd over the top rope to the arena floor, referee Nick Patrick had no choice but to disqualify Saito and award the match to Johnny. Now the score was even in the World Cup tournament!



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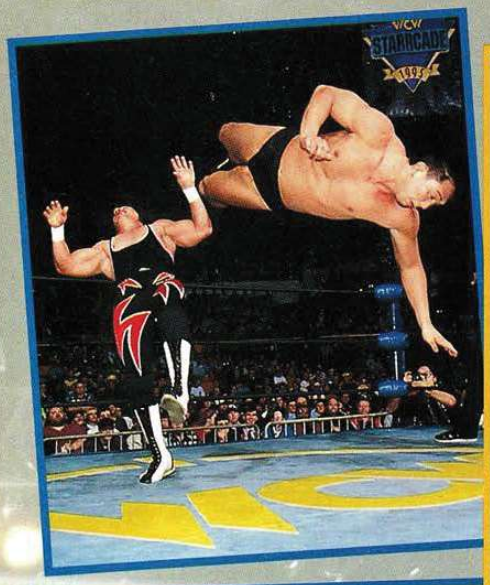
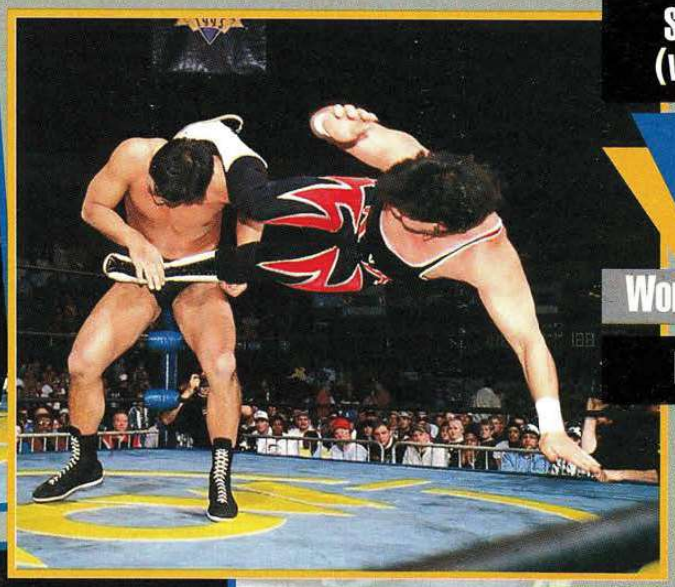


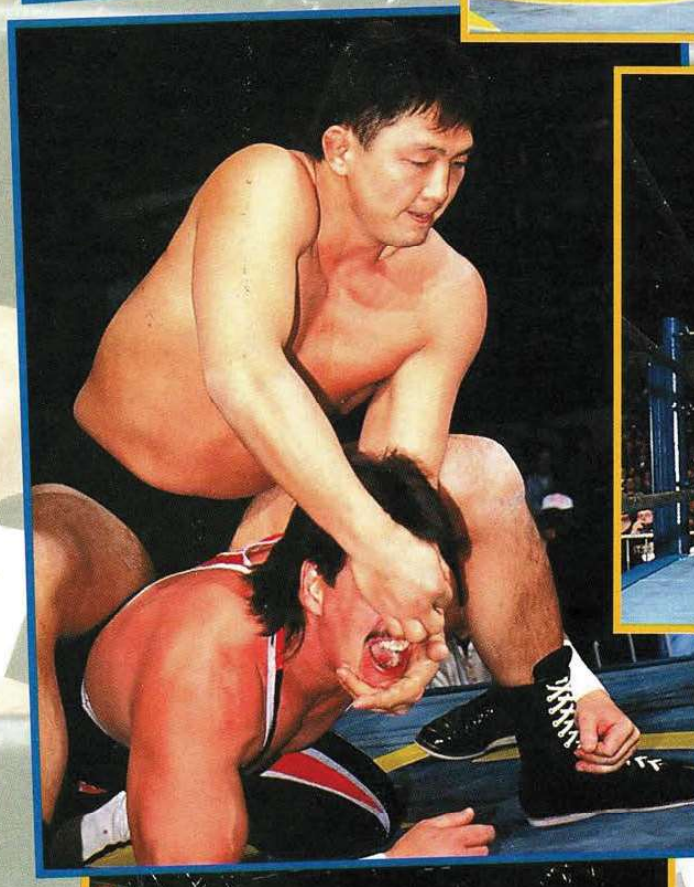


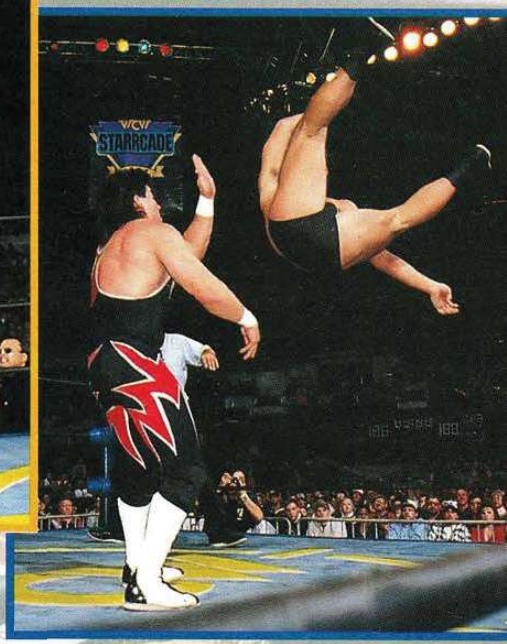
SHINJIRO OHTANI (with Sonny Onoo)

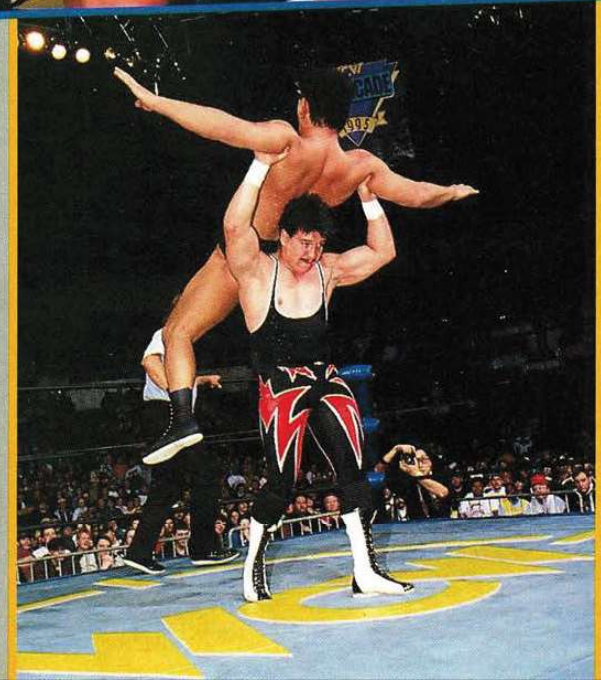
VS

World Cup Match #5

EDDY GUERRERO







Science City! If you love two truly great wrestlers going at it in a display of ability, determination and pure mat artistry, this was the bout for you! Guerrero was especially brilliant, thwarting Ohtani with a slingshot suplex and flying splash early in the bout, following it up with a Boston crab and power bomb, but he wasn't able to score a pinfall. Ohtani blasted Eddy with a flying smash to the floor, but the tide turned when Guerrero hit Ohtani with a flying Frankensteiner from the top turnbuckle. In the end, both men tried to score pinfalls, but after several reversals, it was Ohtani who got the pin — and put New Japan ahead!

WORLD CUP STANDINGS

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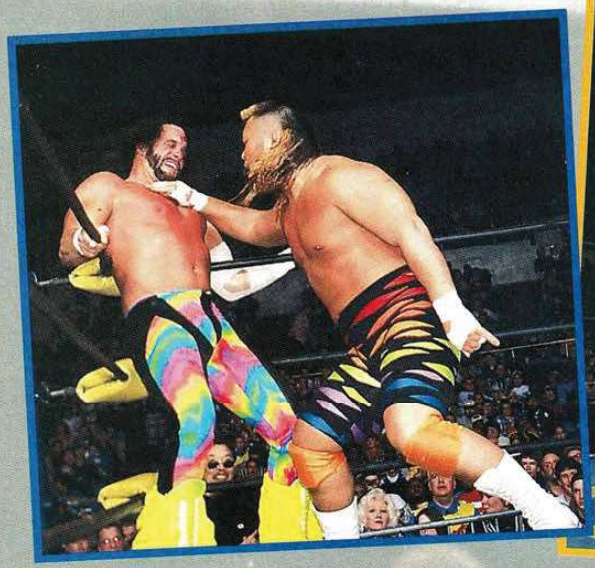
WCW 2

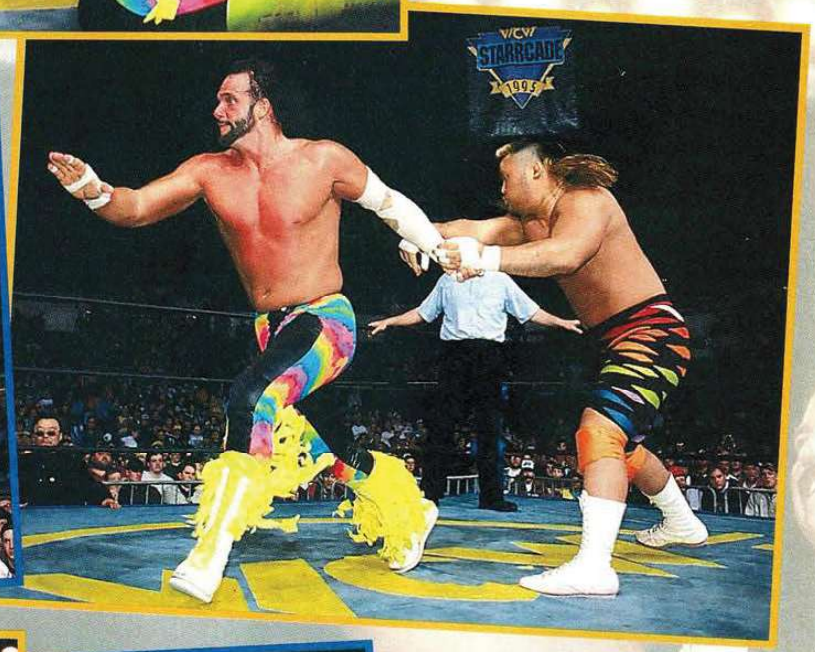
RANDY SAVAGE

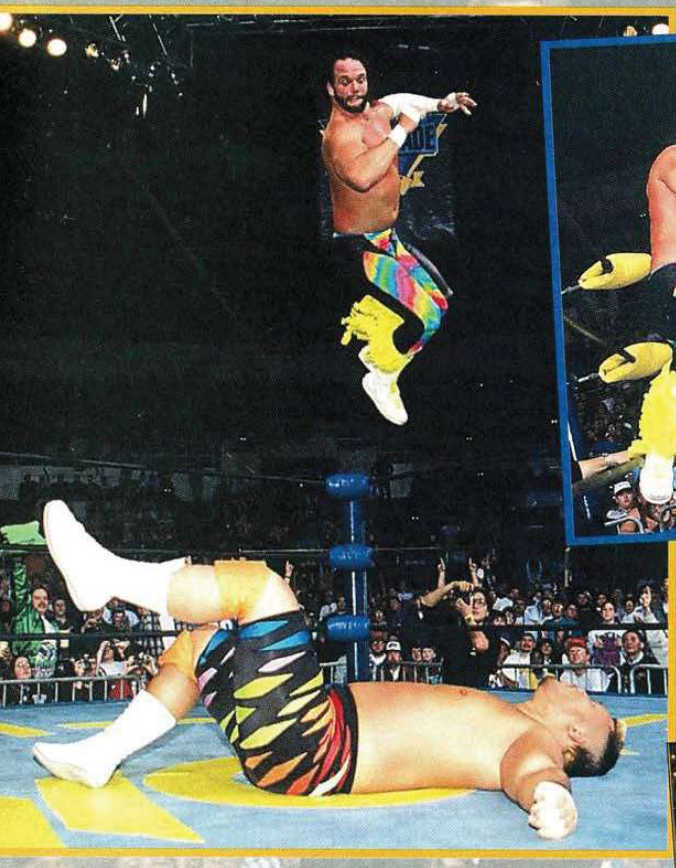
VS

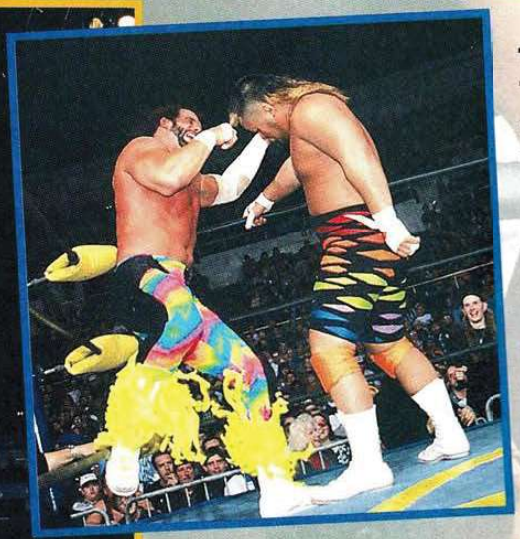
World Cup Match #6

TENZAN (with Sonny Onoo)







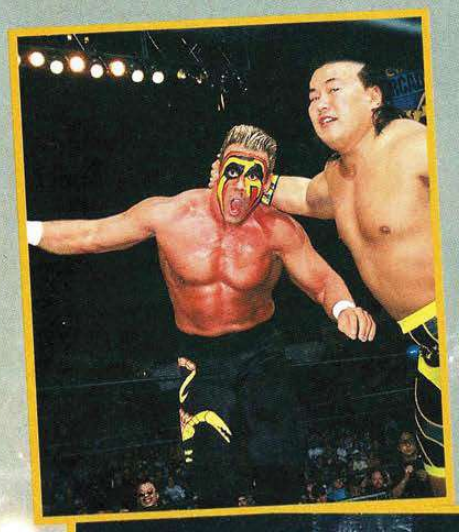


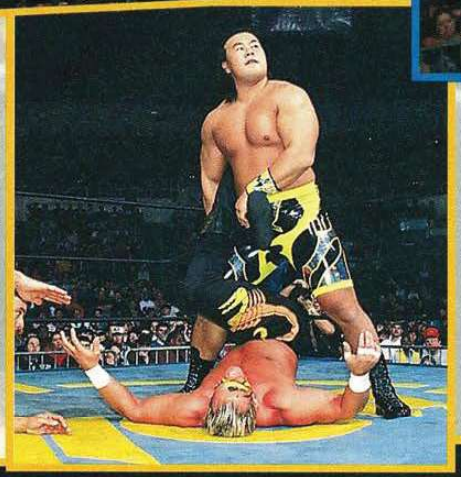
The wild, animalistic Tenzan bellowed and charged after Savage from the beginning, blasting the "Macho Man" with the most vicious brawling tactics seen on the card thus far. Tenzan even shook off the effects of his head being rammed into the turnbuckle. It was obvious that Savage had no idea what to expect from his 270-pound opponent, but Randy didn't gain a reputation as WCW's most intense competitor for nothing. Angered by Tenzan's many low tactics, Savage battled back to ramrod Tenzan with a spectacular flying elbow and even the score.

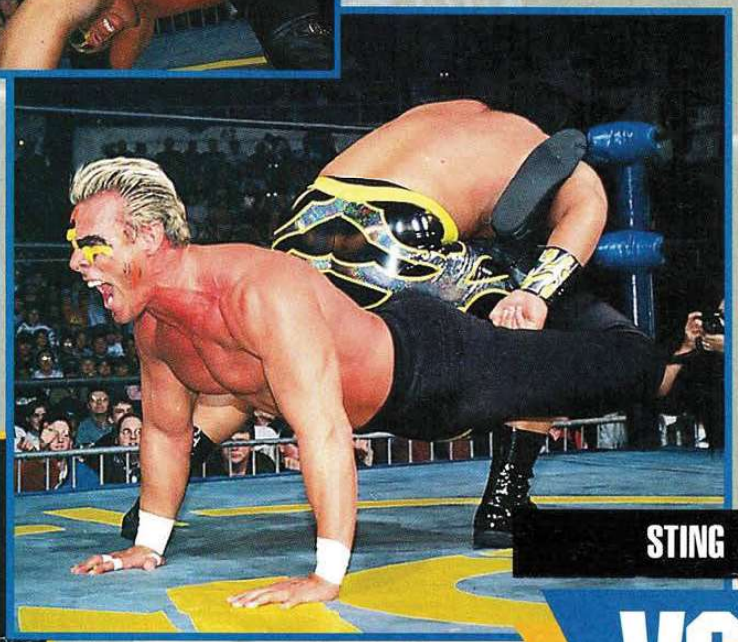
WORLD CUP STANDINGS

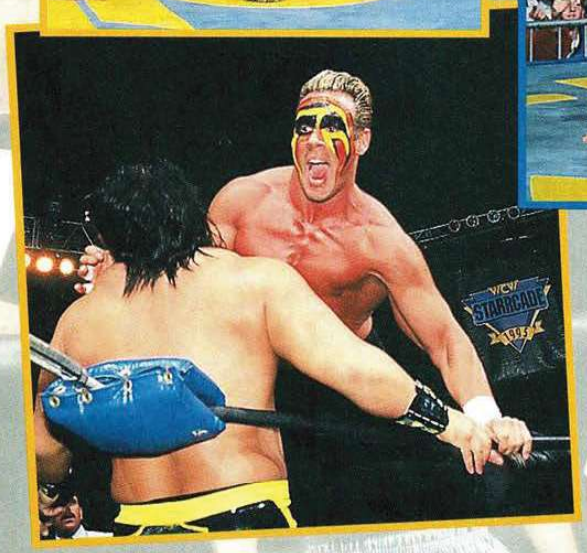
NEW JAPAN 3

WCW 3







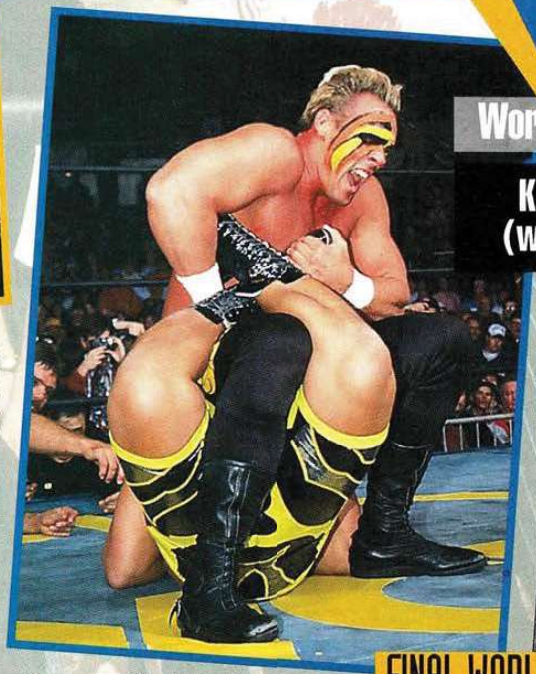


STING

VS

World Cup Match #7

KENSUKE SASAKI (with Sonny Onoo)



Before the bell, the fight was on, as WCW vs. New Japan came down to this big match featuring Sting and the man who defeated him for the U.S. title! Sting wanted this victory on three fronts: To avenge his loss to Sasaki in Japan, to warm up for his big triangle bout which would follow, and to win the World Cup for WCW — and he did it! Sting was superb throughout this match, thwarting Sasaki's best offense with brilliant defense. Sting caught Sasaki in his Scorpion deathlock, and WCW won the cup! After the bout all seven members of the WCW team, including Luger and Benoit, celebrated the victory in the center of the ring!

FINAL WORLD CUP STANDINGS

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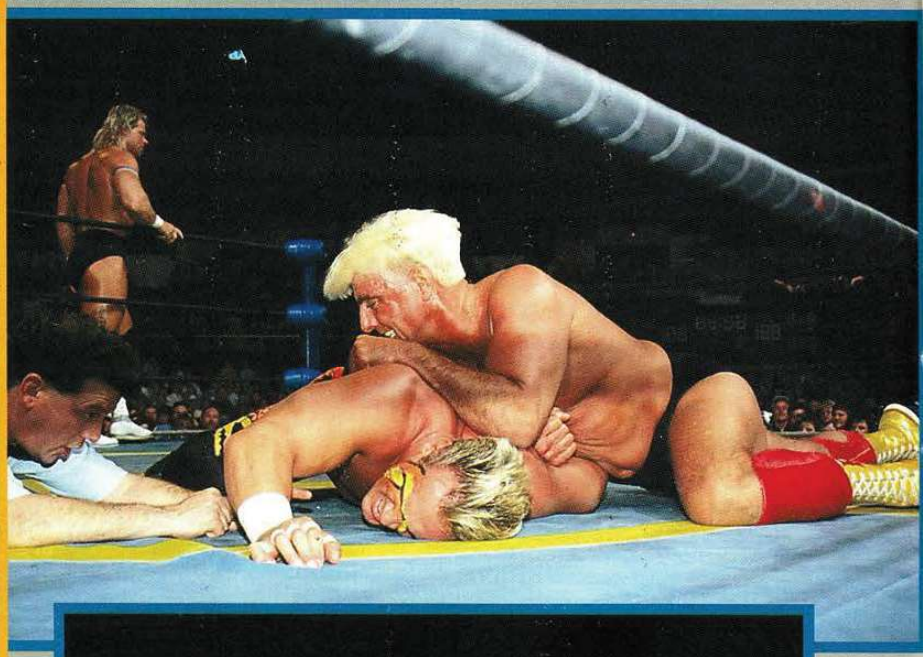
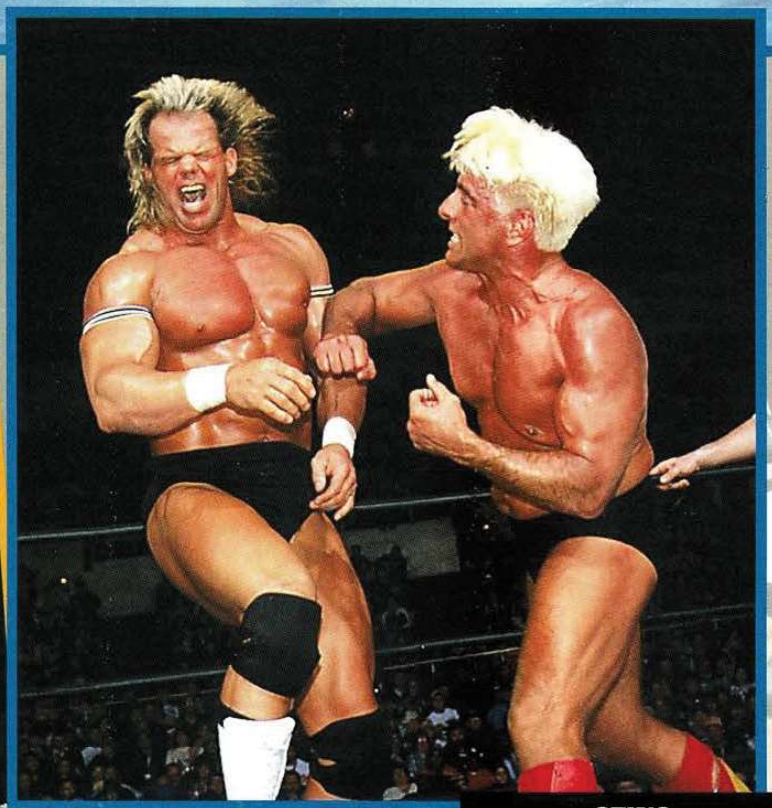
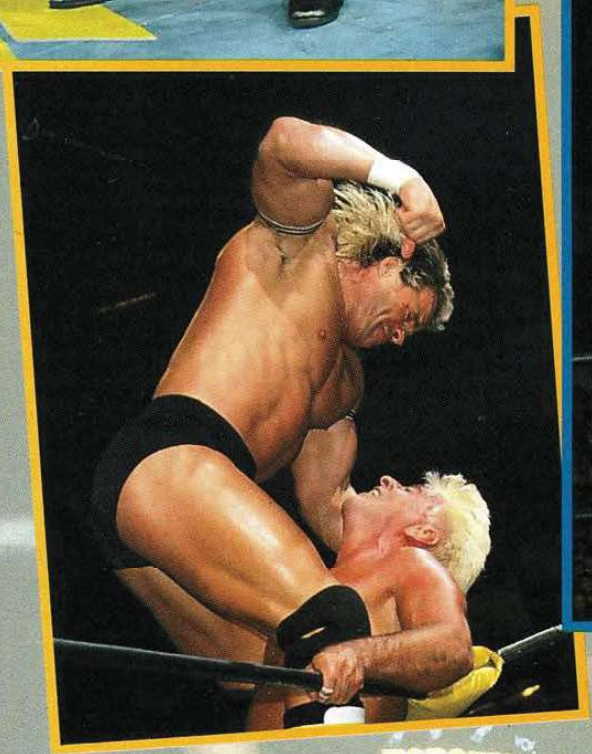






STING

VS

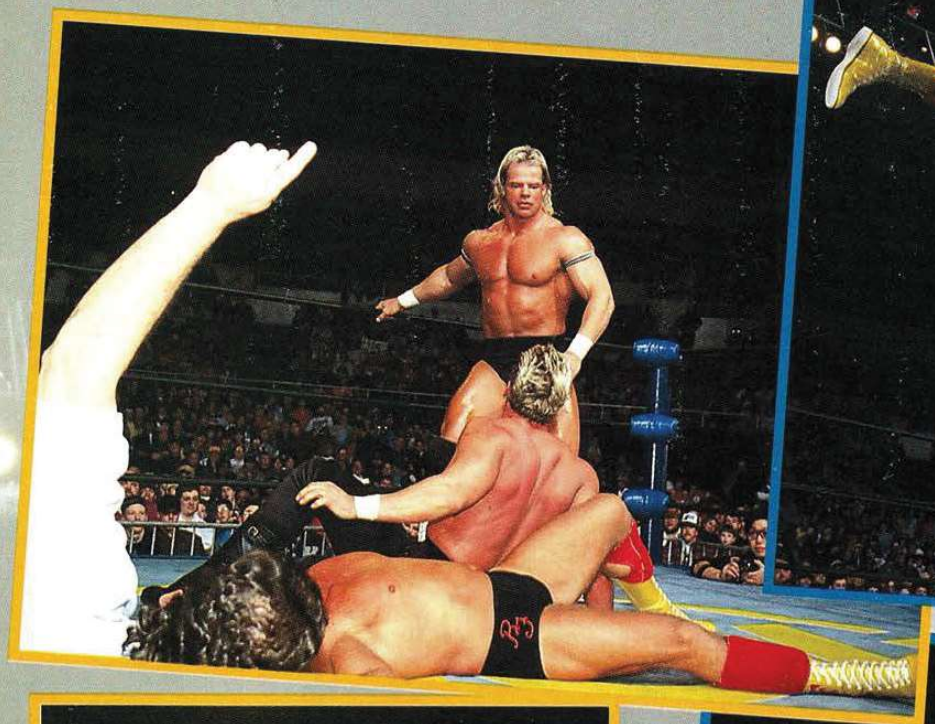
LEX LUGER

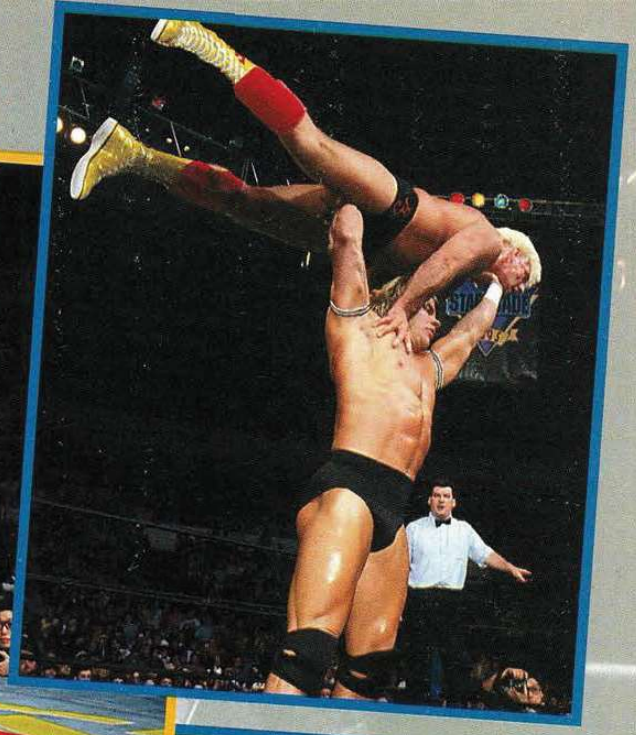
VS

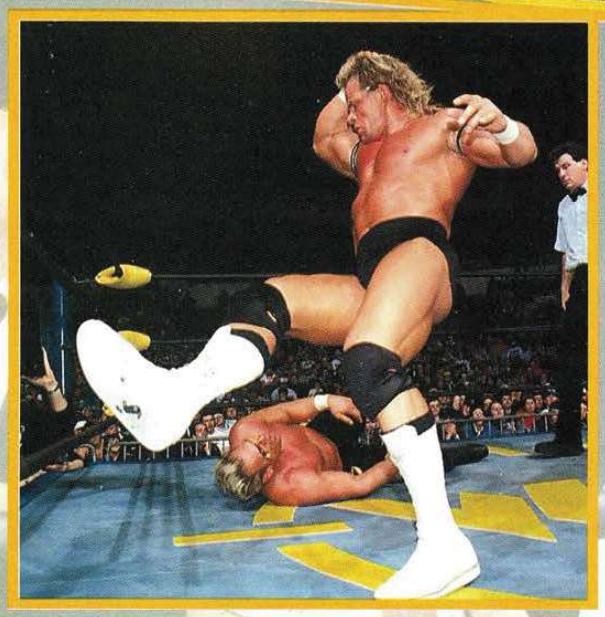
RIC FLAIR

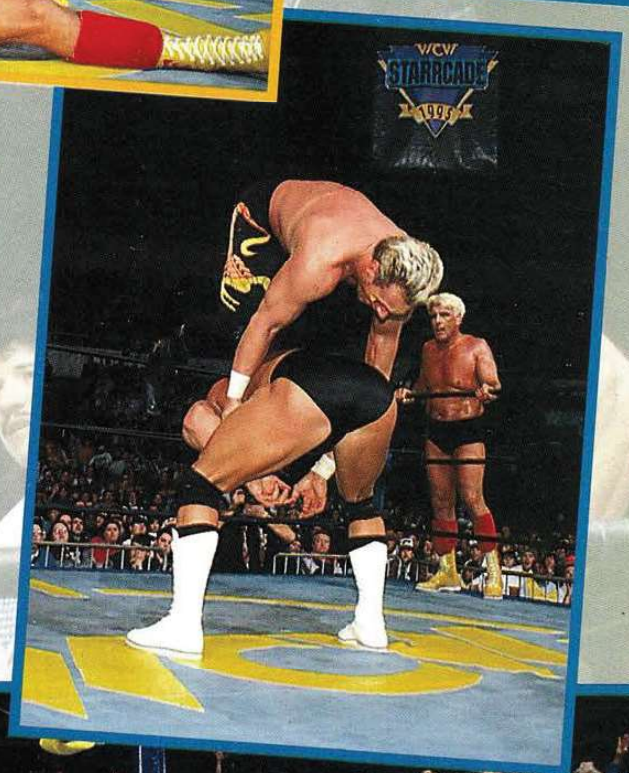
TRIANGLE MATCH

The rules were unique, the spoils rich: Whoever emerged as the victor in this intriguing match would be awarded a WCW World title bout against Randy Savage to close Starrcade! After Flair took his share of punishment from both an enraged Sting and Luger, he tagged in Luger, setting off an incredible battle between these two friends who refuse to let their kinship die despite their philosophical differences. After minutes of battling, Luger got Sting into his Human Torture Rack, but Flair ran in and clipped Luger, then threw Sting out of the ring. Sure enough, both Luger and Sting were dazed enough to be counted out, — Sting only after Luger had grabbed him as he recovered at eight — and Flair became the unlikely victor! After the bout, Jimmy Hart raced to Flair's corner and he stayed there throughout the World title match.





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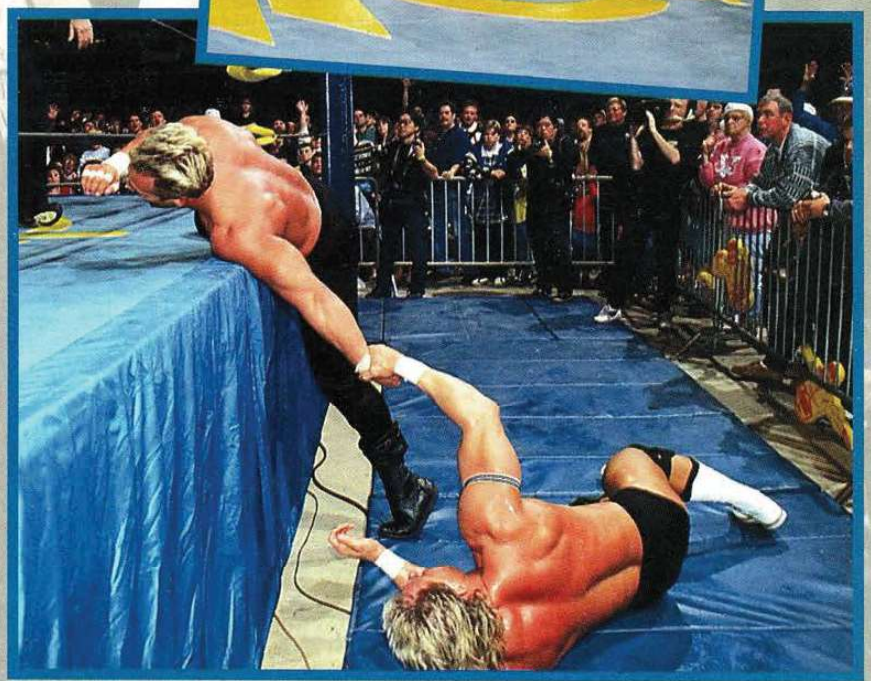
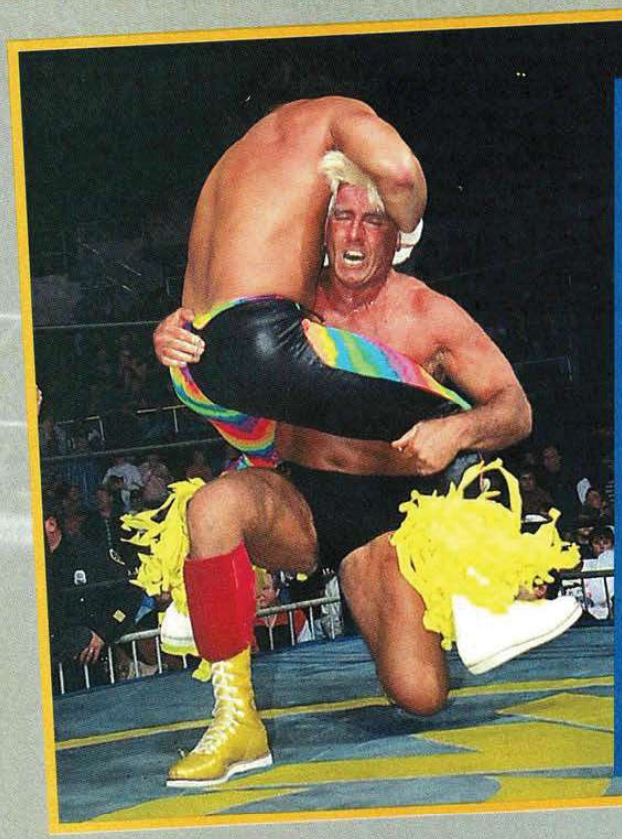
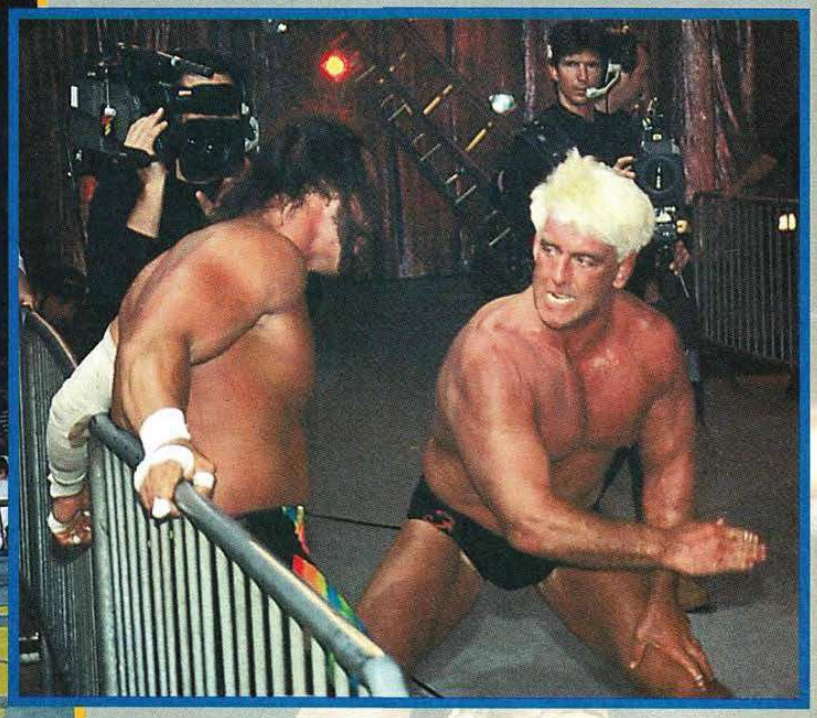
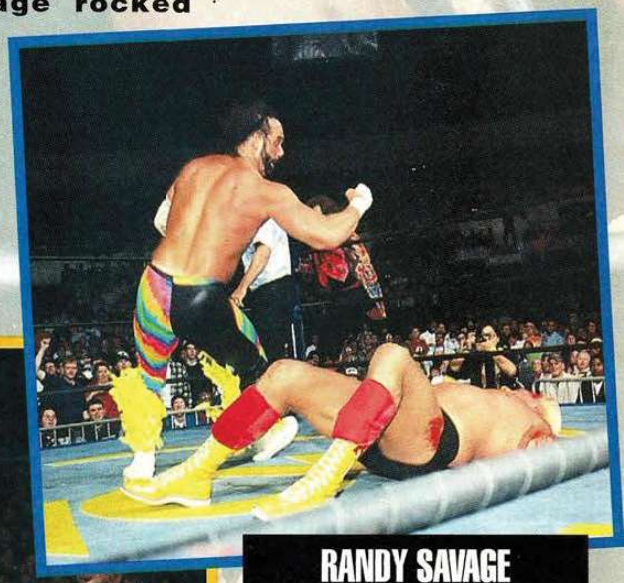
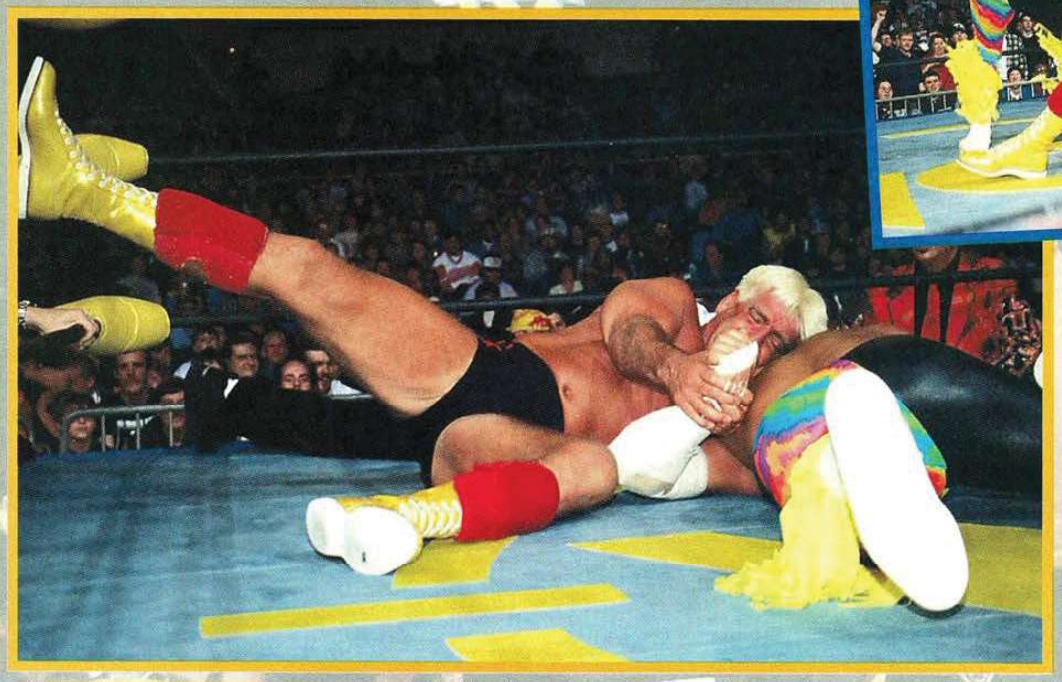






Referee Randy Anderson knew he'd have his share of problems keeping control in this bout. During the early moments, Paul Orndorff, his neck still in a brace because of the brutal attack by the Four Horsemen, came out to ringside, but was ushered out of the arena by WCW security chief Doug Dellinger. It was those very same Horsemen — Chris Benoit, Brian Pillman and Arn Anderson —that spelled the end of Savage's very worthy title reign. Savage was firmly in control of the bout when he tried to leap at the "Nature Boy" from the top turnbuckle, but Flair blasted Savage in the midsection with a fist. Hart ran onto the ring apron and began arguing with referee Anderson. As the referee and manager argued, Hart threw his hard metal megaphone to Flair. Before Ric could use it, Savage kicked Flair in the head, then blasted Flair with the megaphone, opening up a horrific gash in Flair's forehead. Savage rocked



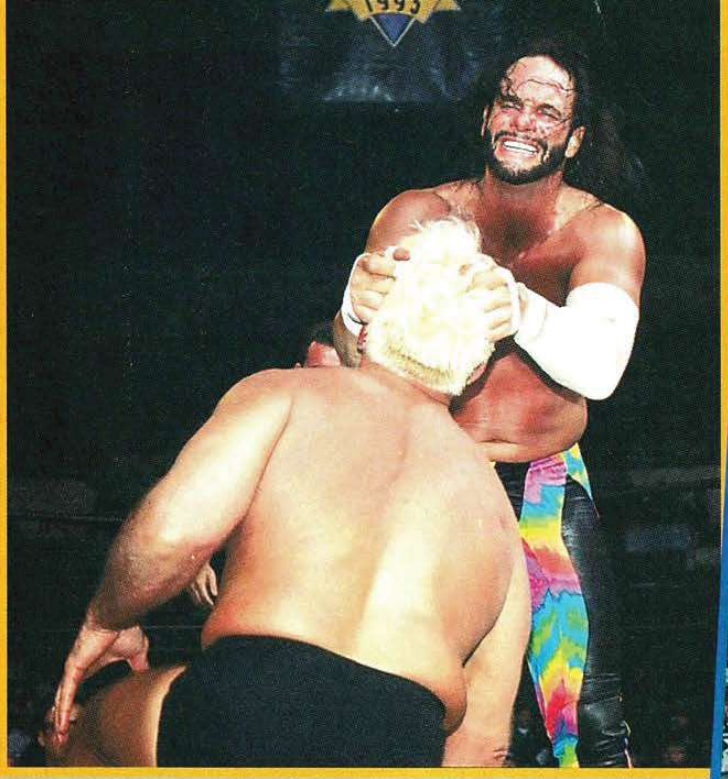


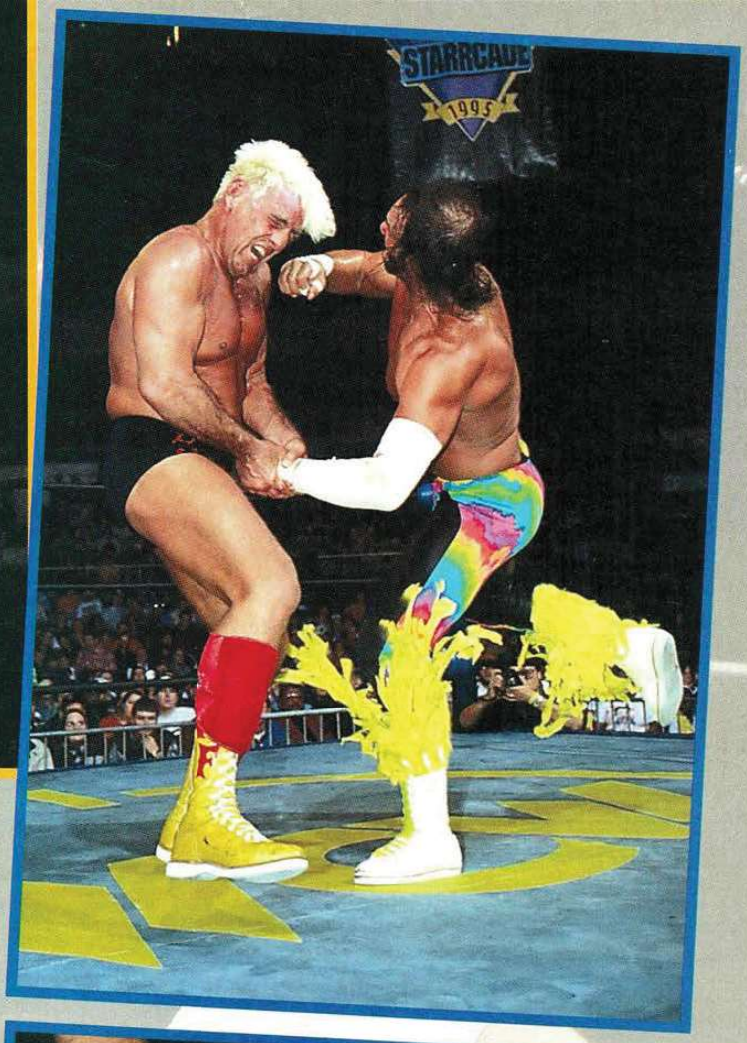
RANDY SAVAGE

VS

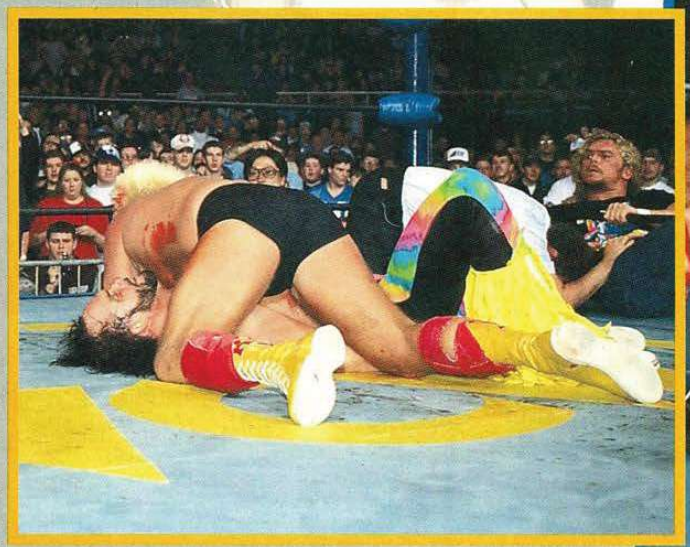
WCW World Championship Match

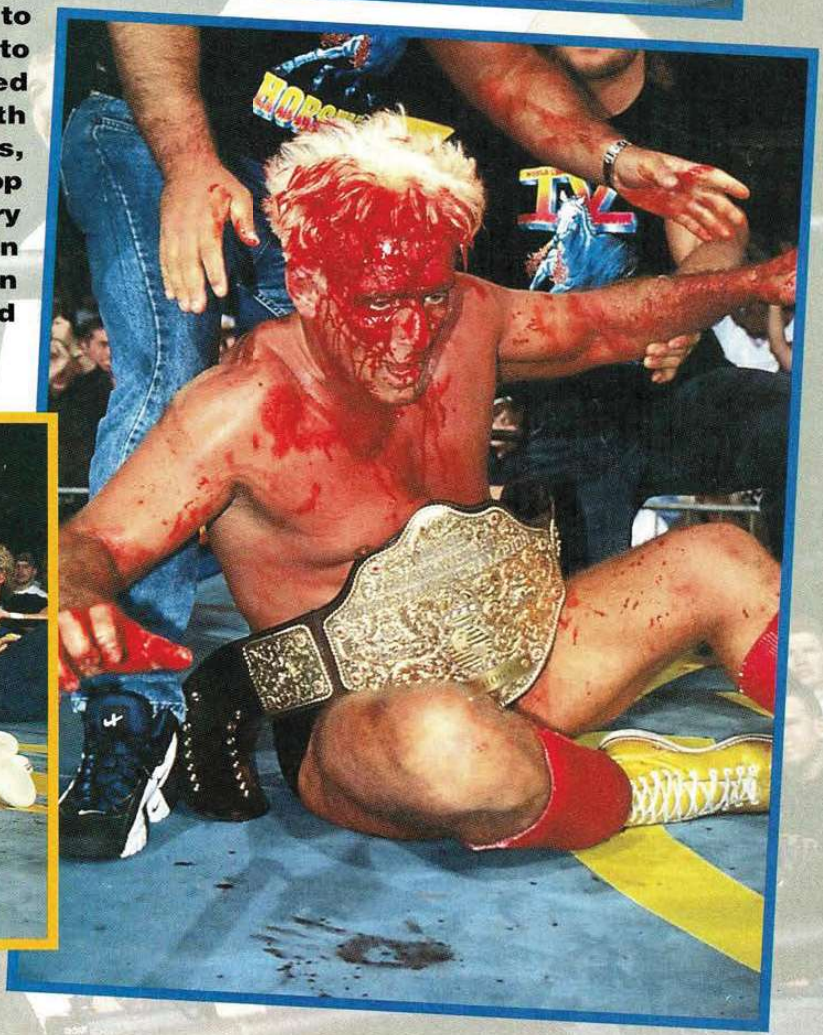
RIC FLAIR





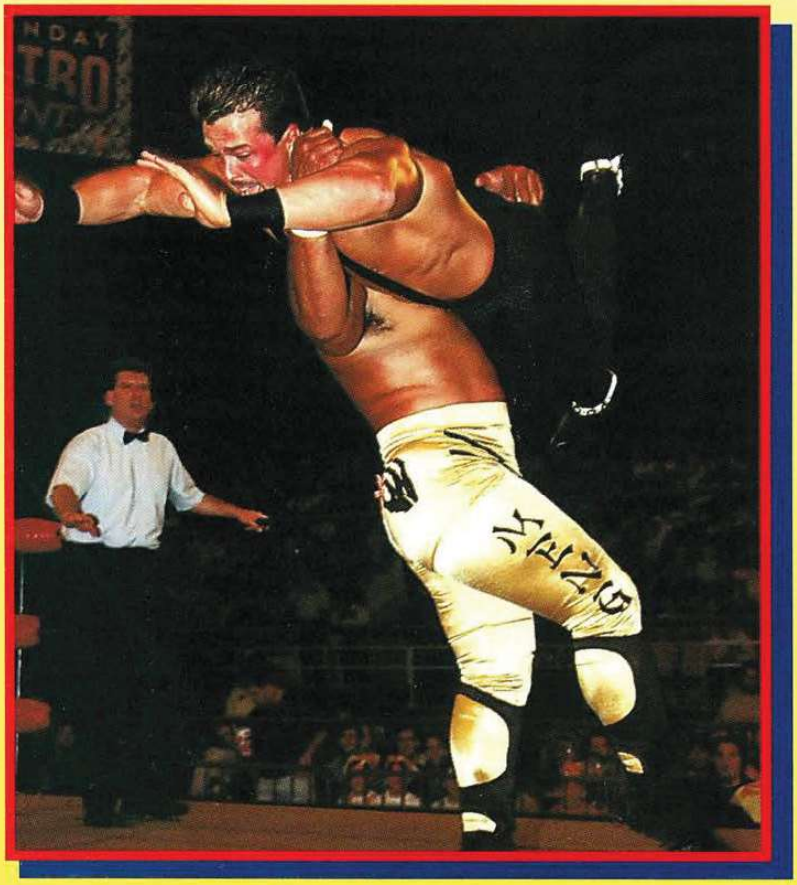
Flair with a flying elbow from the top turnbuckle, but the referee had continued to try to get Hart off the apron and could not count the pin. Pillman and Benoit ran into the ring, but Savage caught Pillman as he tried to leap on top of him and threw him into Benoit! Savage began to choke Pillman as Arn Anderson ran into the ring. As Randy Anderson ushered Pillman out, Arn clocked Savage with what appeared to be brass knuckles, then rolled the very bloody Flair on top of Savage. One three count later, a very unworthy new WCW World Champion was crowned and the Four Horsemen once again became the most feared rulebreaking organization in WCW!





MARCUS BAGWELL fighting back

When The Patriot left WCW during the spring of 1995, it was a major blow to the career of Marcus Bagwell, as the duo — known as Stars and Stripes — were two-time World Tag Team Champions. The departure dropped Bagwell back at the bottom of the wrestling ladder. He was forced to start over and decide whether to find a new tag-team partner — who would have been his third, after 2 Cold Scorpio and The Patriot — or, swing into singles action.



Well, as the world now knows, he chose the former route, joining with WCW newcomer Scotty Riggs as the American Males and, almost instantly, the two were champions.

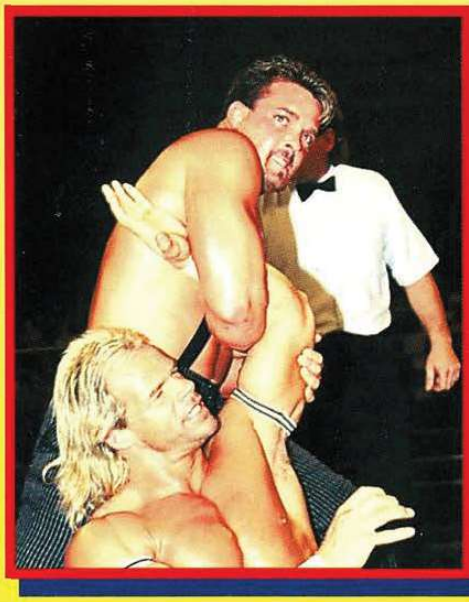
But, Bagwell's bout with depression — sparked by the Patriot's sudden departure — was nothing compared to his out-of-the-ring woes. We're talking major league real-life problems, the kind that most don't know about, including several WCW superstars.

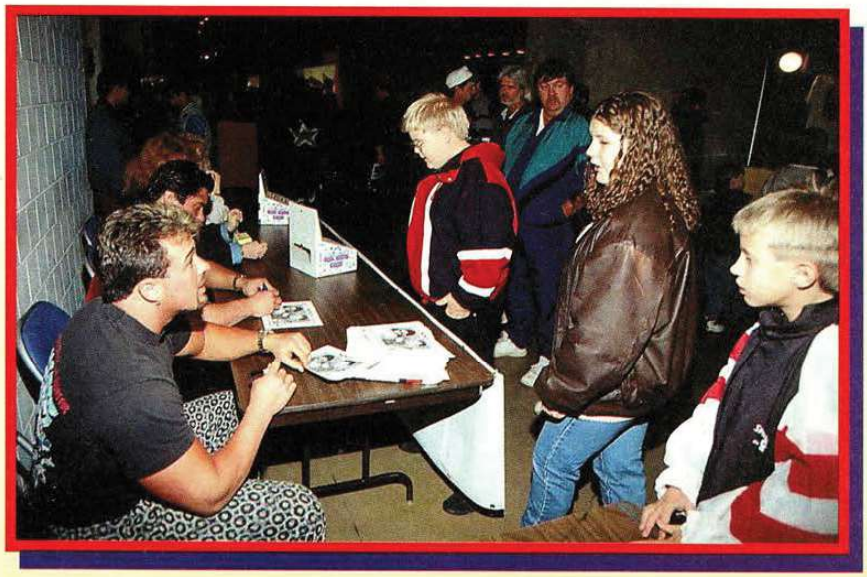
The 25-year-old Bagwell was willing to talk to WCW Magazine about his life — in the real world — over the past 18 months from his home in Marietta, Ga.

"Yes, 1995 was a tough year, a very tough year — in and out of the ring. But, I always do my best when I'm under pressure and things are at their worst," Bagwell said.

And, yes, things have been pretty bleak for Marcus Bagwell 'The Person,' not just Marcus Bagwell 'The Wrestler.' His problems actually started during the summer of 1994, when his dad, Steve, was arrested, convicted and sentenced to 20 months in a minimum-security prison. Steve, a deer hunter and avid gun collector, had a license for one of his guns expire — and the gun was sold to an undercover police officer "in an effort to liquidate some of his surplus," Marcus said.

"That, naturally, was really hard on me, particularly because, the way I look at things, there are so many





murderers, kidnappers, drug-dealers, etc., who get out (of serving time in jail) on probation; however, my father, who has always been a model citizen, paying all of his taxes for 20-plus years slipped and fell once — and lands in jail."

Then, near the end of 1994, Bagwell and his wife of four years (Tanya) got divorced. "That, of course, was a big strain on my career," he said.

In addition, during the summer of 1995, Bagwell endured a near-fatal calf implant procedure.

"I've kept fighting through everything, just as Marcus Bagwell has done throughout his career. In fact, I've been a fighter throughout my whole life," he said.

"As anyone who works out regularly knows, calves are the hardest body part to build. In other words, calves are different from, every other body part in that, with training, other parts can grow. But not so with your calves; they are a very genetic body part; basically, you've either got (perfect calves) or you don't."

Two days after Bagwell's plastic surgery implant, he had internal bleeding. And two days after that, he had to remove the implants. Bagwell could barely walk for about a month.

"The doctors have told me that, if I waited four-to-six more hours before I got them removed, I might have had to have had both legs amputated from the knees down," he said.

"As I've said, it's been a pretty tough year or so."

But Bagwell isn't down; he doesn't get down. That's not his way — despite all of the dreaded dealings with lawyers, struggling family members (namely his mom), etc.

"I often speak to kids at schools and hospitals, and one of the main things I talk about is that, hey, everything in life is not just handed to you; you've got to work for everything you get in this world. Life is not easy; it's tough, and there will be any number of roadblocks along the Road of Life. I know that first-hand," Bagwell said. "But, one thing you've always got to remember is, it could always be worse. Always."

So, Marcus, how have you dealt with the problems?

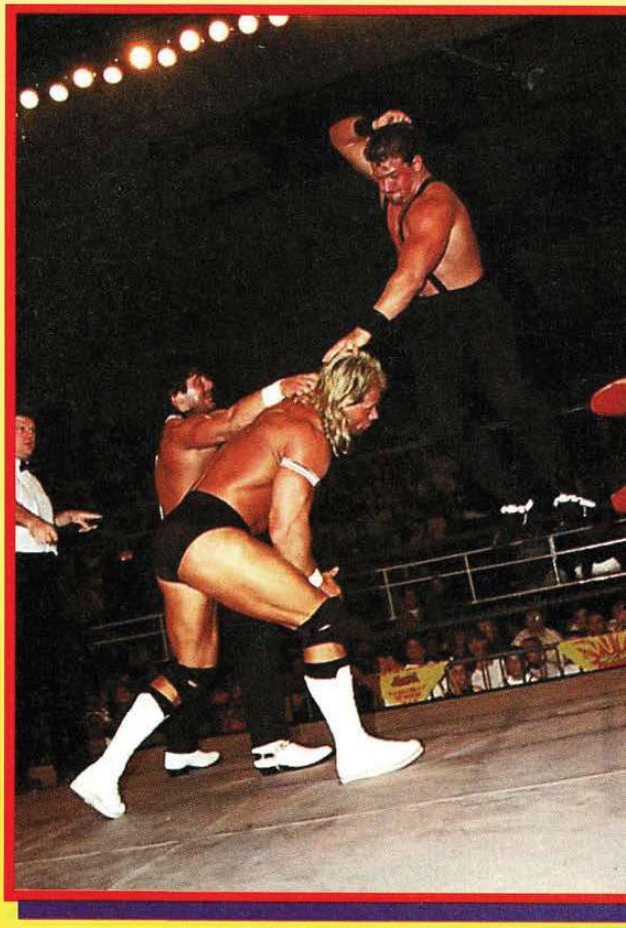
"Well, it may sound corny, but, I honestly believe there are two things that get me through all the negatives: First, my strong belief, as a born-again Christian, that everything in life happens for a reason. That's why I rarely, if ever, ask 'Why?' Instead, I just strive to make the best out of every situation I'm in. And, second, dedication; you must be dedicated. For me, that goes back to, oh, my days as a Little League baseball player when I dedicated myself to being the best player on the field . . . now I want to be the best professional wrestler around, and I'm dedicating myself to that goal. Consequently, I just do not take 'No' for an answer. I keep my head up and keep pushing forward."

Bagwell, added: "My personal life definitely has been a strain on my wrestling life. But, when I get in the ring, it's business; that's it, business. You've got to be able to push your personal problems to the side because, hey, everyone's got personal problems. Sting, Lex Luger, Ric Flair, Hulk Hogan, Randy Savage, or anyone, we've all got problems. You've got to stay on track for what you're there for: to be the best you can possibly be."

Bagwell showed — for the fourth time — that he was the best tag team wrestler in WCW when, in late-1995, he and Riggs captured the titles with a shocking Monday Nitro win over Harlem Heat. It was Bagwell's fourth reign, with his third partner.

"When the general public sees someone on TV, it seems they often have this perception that the TV personality is not real. But, yes, TV personalities, such as WCW wrestlers, are just your average people. We have the same problems as anyone else, such as a phone bill, electric bill, budget, house to cut the grass at and take out the garbage at, etc."

And, as Bagwell has shown over the past 18 months, they too have to overcome adversity.



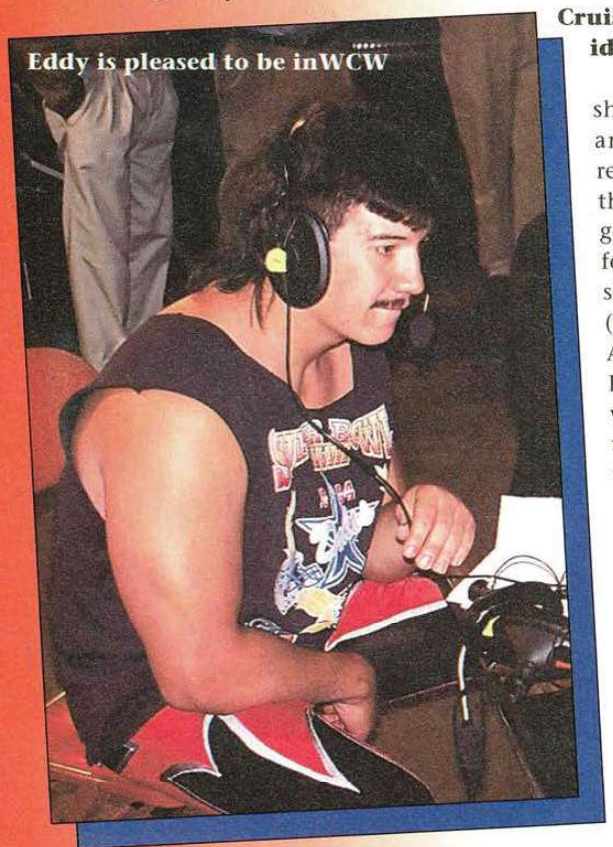
FACE THE FANS

Jack Nixon, now in his 15th year announcing New Mexico State University (NMSU) athletics, is the dean of Big West Conference broadcasters and his resume includes a New Mexico Sportscaster of the Year award. He also has worked for the Oklahoma Outlaws and Denver Gold of the now-defunct United States Football League (USFL) and served as broadcaster for the NAIA basketball championships from 1979-82.

But wrestling is Nixon's true love. Specially, WCW. "Always has been (my favorite) and always will be," he says. Nixon's wealth of wrestling knowledge dates back to Dusty Rhodes' early active days — as a wrestler, that is. "Dusty went to West Texas State University, where he played football and baseball . . . then he got into wrestling," Nixon points out.

So, when Nixon wrote to WCW Magazine to congratulate a "neighbor" about his success in WCW, it caught our attention. The "neighbor" is, of course, Eddy Guerrero, the electrifying superstar from El Paso, Texas — 45 minutes from Nixon's hometown: Las Cruces, N.M.

Guerrero was more than willing to answer all of Nixon's questions, which WCW Magazine posed in mid-January.



Eddy is pleased to be inWCW

Are you pleased with the way things have started out for you in 1996? What are your goals for the year?

"Yes, definitely. I'm really looking forward to 1996; I've got a lot of high expectations for myself. I've got to work hard every night to accomplish all I can. My goal for the year is simple: I want to better my level of wrestling, because you can never stop learning. I don't have a specific goal related to a championship, but, I would like to wrestle for a title sometime during the year. And hopefully I'll win."

Would a return of the Cruiserweight division be ideal for you?

"Yes. But, I also would like a shot at the U.S. Championship and/or the Television Title — regardless of who has the title at the time, and that includes my good friend Johnny B. Badd. As for the tag team belt, well, ever since — God rest his soul — my (former) partner 'Love Machine' Art Barr died last November, I haven't really thought about winning that championship. Art was the only partner I ever had; we gelled together really well."

Is there anyone in WCW who you would consider teaming with?

"Johnny B. Badd and Alex Wright are the first two who come to mind. Johnny is a great talent, a great athlete and, more important, a great role-model for kids. Alex also is a great young talent; he's an up-and-comer who's got a lot of fire in his heart, and I like that."

Since your arrival in WCW from the East Coast, you have really captured the attention of fans, broadcasters, promoters and even your fellow wrestlers. What has been your response to the reaction people have given you?

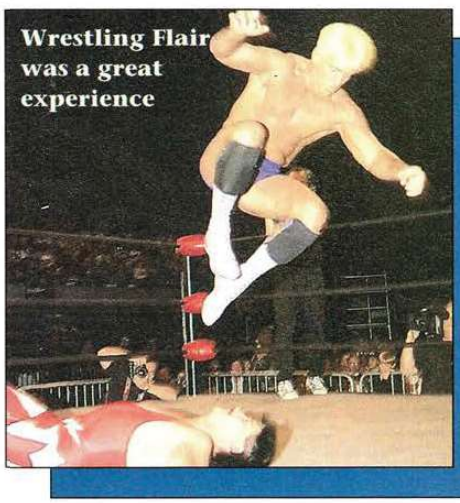
"To be honest, I'm thankful. Specially, I'm thankful to The Good Lord. I'm a Christian and everything I have in this life, and everything I do in this life, is because of The Lord Jesus Christ. Am I surprised by the (positive) reaction I've received? No, not really. More thankful."

One of your WCW highlights so far has to have been the December match against Ric Flair on Monday Nitro. Is that true?

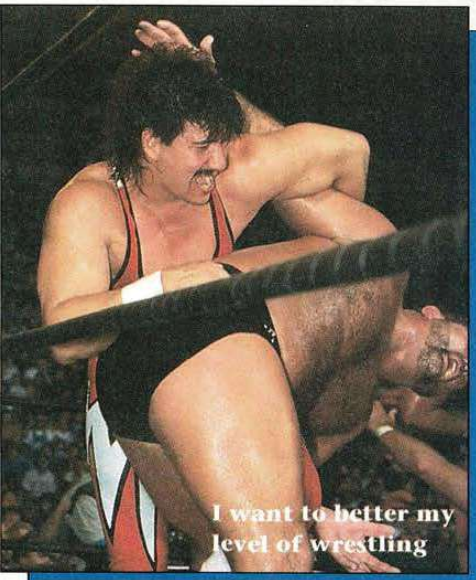
"Without a doubt. That was, to me, probably the best match I've had here in WCW. Sometimes losing a match, particularly if it's against someone of the stature of Ric Flair, is a better learning experience than if I somehow managed to win although, obviously, I would have loved to have won. Just being in the same ring with Ric Flair was a great experience. I learned in that match what I would have learned in, oh, 10 other matches."

How would you describe your style?

"Wow . . . that's a good question. I think it's a lot of Mexican style (fast-paced action and loads of aerial moves), combined with a little Japanese (physical and on-the-mat action) and American (a combination of both). When I first started wrestling, my father, a legend



Wrestling Flair was a great experience


I want to better my level of wrestling

in his day, always told me to learn how to mat-wrestle . . . because that's what the sport is. I have 10½ years of amateur wrestling experience, starting in California at Pacifica Junior High School." (Guerrero has wrestled professionally for the past eight years, the past 5½, full-time.)

Tell us a little about your background and yourself personally.

"Well, I was born and raised here in El Paso, Texas. I'm the only one in my family born in El Paso. My father moved here about 30 years ago; he passed away about five years ago. We are of Mexican descent. My mom, Linda, is the only mother who I know who is the sister of wrestlers, the wife of a wrestler, the mother of wrestlers, the grand-mother of wrestlers and the aunt of wrestlers.

I have three brothers: Chavo, Mando and Hector. I also have two sisters: Mary and Linda. I'm the youngest of all; Mary is the oldest, followed by Chavo, Mando, Hector and Linda. Chavo has a son who is now a third generation Guerrero wrestler. Chavo Guerrero Jr., 25, lives and wrestles in Mexico. Hopefully he'll be in WCW one of these days. I've two beautiful children: Shaul Marie and Sherilyn. I'm 26 and I have a lovely wife, Vickie Lynn. I wrestled at El Paso Jefferson High School, then New Mexico Highlands University."

"One thing I always admired my father for, was he never pushed any of us into wrestling; he always let us do what we wanted. But having watched him — and my brothers — made me want to be a wrestler even more. That's why being here in WCW is just a dream come true. And, in case you were curious, my middle name is Gory, for him."

What would your dad be saying about you now?

(With laughs.) "He'd probably be correcting me; he was a perfectionist. Seriously, I hope he's proud of me."

Would you want to tag team with Chavo, Jr?

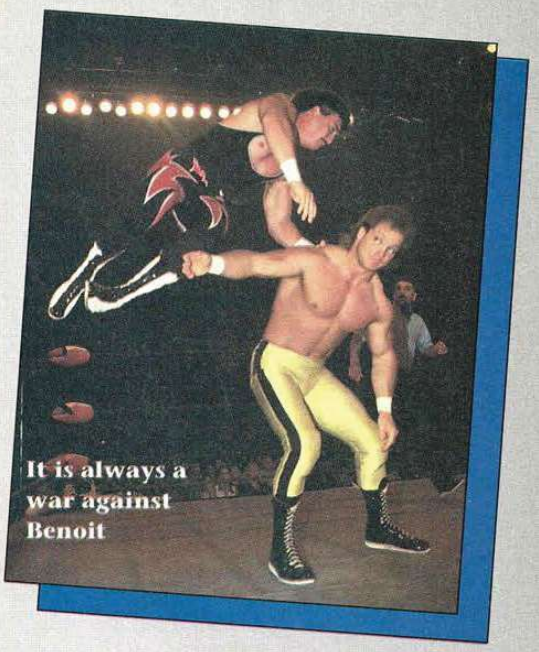
"Of course . . . that'd be great. It'd be a golden opportunity that I'd really cherish."

What is your opinion about two fellow WCW newcomers, guys you are quite familiar with: Dean Malenko and Chris Benoit?

"Every time I wrestle one of them, they seem to bring out the best in me. Every time I'm in there with one of them, I know it's going to be a war that night. I have nothing but the utmost respect for the two of them."

Please tell us a little more about the sad Art Barr situation, who died the day before Thanksgiving 1994 (Guerrero and Barr were AAA world tag team champions in Mexico.)?

"That was a very tough, unfortunate situation; we were like brothers. We had tag teamed for 2½ years, but, more than that, we did everything together — things away from the ring, that is. When I lost him, it was devastating. I miss him dearly. I really wish he could be here. He's always in my heart; I can, and will, never forget him. I know he's looking down on me, and hopefully he's proud. I'm trying to make him proud, just like everyone in my family, and my fans everywhere in the world."


It is always a war against Benoit

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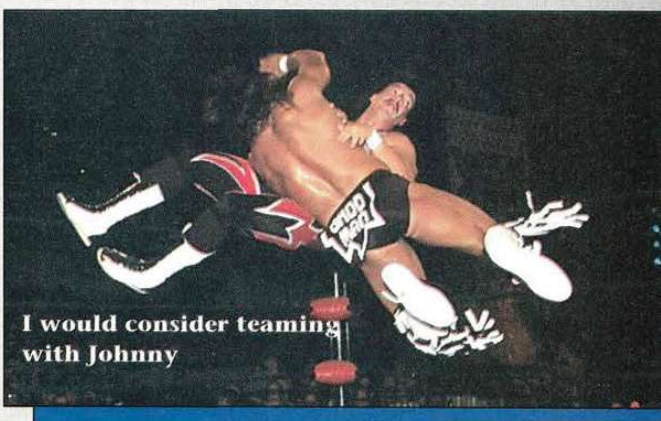
Is there anything else you'd like to say?

"Yes . . . I am very thankful and blessed. First to The Lord. And second to the people who watch and support WCW, and in particular Eddy Guerrero. I thank them from the bottom of my heart."

"No matter what, I will always give my best."

Thank you for your time Eddy, you really are the classiest guy in the sport.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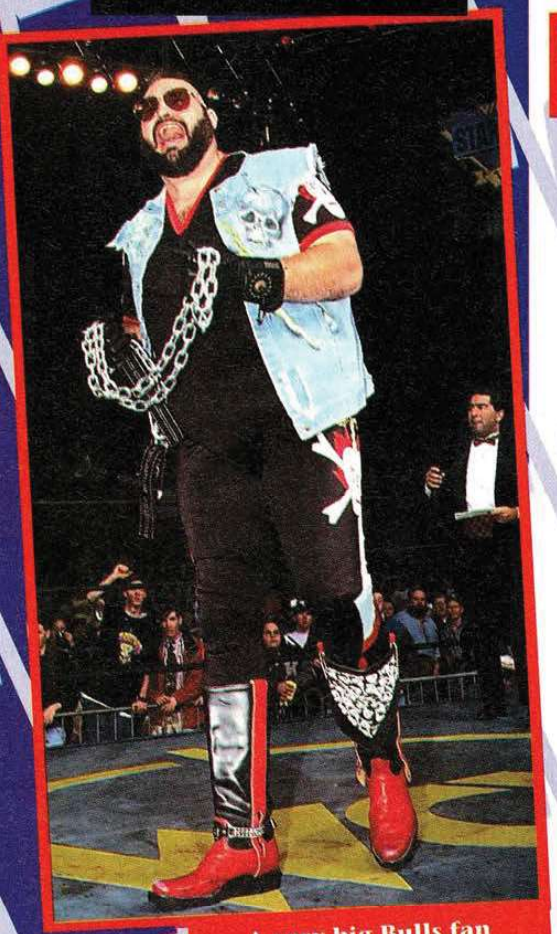
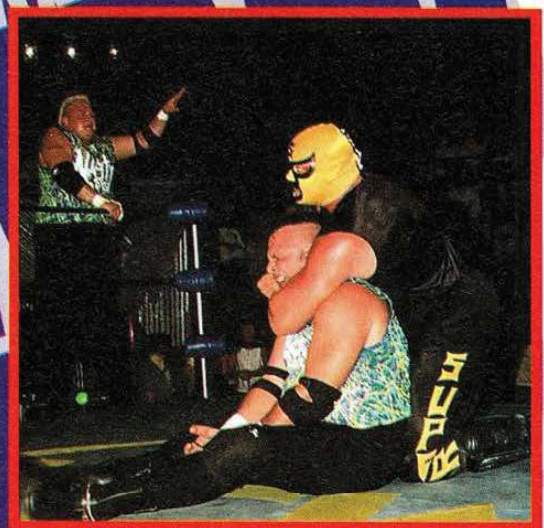


A very big Bulls fan



I know who is under the mask

Whether you like it or not, and I truthfully don't care one ounce about your concerns, this is going to be my year. Yes, 1996 will be the year of The Brain. How do I know that? Well, it's a two-part answer:

1995 ended in perfect fashion — Ric Flair captured the WCW World Heavyweight Championship, defeating "Macho Man" Randy Savage; and 1996 started in perfect fashion — Ric Flair defended his belt over the Immoral Hulk Hogan.

Whooooo!

Speaking of Hogan, or should I say WCW's Bobby Knight . . . Hulk Hogan uses foreign objects like the Japanese use chopsticks: daily. Hogan beats up referees, which, I guess, isn't too bad. He also attacks poor, defenseless Doug Dellinger, that Gomer Pyle Wanna-Be. And what does the WCW Championship Committee do to Hogan? They suspend him for a week. Talk about weak! If I even think about lifting a chair, I'm suspended. I guess the "Hogan Love-fest" shouldn't surprise me. After all, everyone loves Hulk Hogan, don't they? And with Nick Lambros — who, I'm told, wears yellow underwear in Hulk's honor — on the Committee, what can you expect. Nick's the kind of guy who would sentence Charles Manson to probation, yet throw away the key on a 12-year-old candy thief.

The folks at Muscle Mag International Magazine wanted me to pose for their February issue; however, since they weren't going to use my perfect pecs on the cover, I refused. Still, I looked at that issue and there were some interesting photos.

The New Generation = 54-year-old Dory Funk, Jr.

Can anyone tell me why the wrestling world is abuzz with Eddy Guerrero? He's nothing more than a third-generation loser . . . but he does make one tasty taco.

Kimberly, I am told, lost $2.75 in a Rose Bowl bet. She sided with Northwestern, for some unbeknownst reason. Wait! It just hit me! Northwestern is a school for losers, and Kimberly is now siding with Johnny B. Awful. It's also interesting to note the amount of her bet. When she was with Diamond Dallas Page, she didn't care about money until it hit five-digits . . . now with Badd she's worrying about change. Maybe one of these days she'll wake up and realize the mistake she made by leaving DDP. Hey, toots, go back to dishes and ironing, where you belong.

Speaking of babes, how about Sister Sherri. She's a knock-out and Col. Robert Parker should be one happy man come his wedding day. I wonder if I'll be the best man.

I know who the Super Assassins are and for $5,000 — per Assassin — I will be glad to share that information. Cash only.

Did you hear the latest about Hacksaw Jim Duggan? Well, while at Boston's Logan Airport the other day en route to his home in upstate New York, the metal detector went off. He emptied his pockets — 48-cents in foreign currency — then went back through. Again, the alarm sounded. He was frisked, but nothing was found. The alarm sounded once again. He was then taken for x-rays and it was discovered that he had nails inside of him. Evidently Hacksaw has been gnawing on his board a bit too much.

If he had won a match once every six years he'd have enough to buy a bag of potato chips, or at least a Slim-Jim.

I wonder if Bull Nakano is available for a date? If she is I'll send Mean Gene.

If any of you humanoids happened to stumble upon the Dec. 20, 1995, issue of USA TODAY, you would have seen an article on the front page titled, 'Brits down for the count after airborne food fight.' It tells of a food fight aboard a Northwest Airlines flight after those waiters and waitresses refused to serve more alcohol to a bunch of rowdy Brits. The article caught my attention, so, I asked Lord Steven Regal about it, yet his only answer was, 'No comment.' I then asked Earl Robert Eaton what he knew about it and he too snapped, 'No comment.' I then approached Jeeves, and we all know he's not above reproach, so, with a finsky in hand — that's a five dollar bill, for you humanoids — I asked for some info. He said, and I quote, 'Well, Mr. Heenan, you know I'm not allowed to talk to the press, but . . . well, I can give you one clue: C.B.' Now who

publishes this rag?

Poor Randy Savage . . . the Slim-Jim slug lost his Championship belt at Starrcade '95. Even worse, his mommy and daddy, "Ancient" Angelo and "Aunt Jemima" Judy, were in the stands in Nashville. It just breaks my heart to see their sorrow . . . NOT! Don't those people know that it doesn't take a genius to realize that Savage will never be a success . . . it's in his blood.

One Man Gang tells me he's a huge Chicago Bulls fan and he often wears a Bulls hat to show his support. This shouldn't come as much of a surprise . . . he goes to the same barber as Dennis Rodman. I wonder if it's also the same barber used by Stevie Wonder.

William Perry, the former third-string punter for the Chicago Bears, made a December appearance at Nitro, to visit his former bench-jockeying pal Steve McNuggets. Well, I've heard Perry's nickname was "The Refrigerator," but, as far as I could tell, he looks more like "The Garage." Obviously Perry has never met a cheeseburger he didn't like. And the same goes for Mark Madden.

The WWF invents "Billionaire Ted's Wrasslin' Room" to mock the success of WCW and airs the segment during its Monday night laugh-in. Well, at last something creative has come from the Connecticut company that turned a washed-up WCWer into a Cuban refugee a few years ago. Evidently Vince & Co., HAVE seen the latest Nielsen ratings.

Got a bit of background info for you humanoids on Larry Zbyszko's family tree. Larry's great grandfather, Stanislaus Zbyszko, was one of the greatest tough-guys of all time; he also was an superstar actor, appearing in "Night in the City" with Richard Widmark, among others. And then there's Vlad Zbyszko, another proud family member. I asked Larry about the blood lines and here's what he had to say, "It's obvious greatness runs in the family." I couldn't have said it better myself.

Has anyone seen two nasty boys recently? Just curious.

There were more than 4,000 standing-room-only fans screaming for me at the Nitro show held at Atlanta's Omni.

Sgt. Pittman obviously doesn't read this magazine. If he did he would have known that I am a broadcast-journalist and do not manage wrestler's anymore. I did recommend him to Jimmy Hart, but as Jimmy pointed out, the "Pitbull" looks like Mr. Potato Head when compared to the uncrowned WCW Champion, Lex Luger.

WCW had to employ a team of carpenters at great cost to rebuild the announcing stand prior to Starrcade. It serves them right, after all nobody asked Blubberin' Dusty to join the announcing team. Doesn't WCW realize that two's company, three's a crowd and that Rhodes is a crowd on his own.

Dear Bobby,

What do you think of Monday Nitro broadcaster Steve McMichael and his eight-pound tarantula, Poopy?

B. Martin, Fort Walton Beach, FL

"First off, McNuggets is NOT a broadcaster. To say he is would be like saying Northwestern will win the Rose Bowl. Anyway, that overweight, uneducated idiot is, I am told, nothing more than an illegitimate son of Dusty Rhodes. Listen to McNuggets, then listen to Dusty and then I'm sure you'll agree I'm The Brain . . . because neither one of them speaks a worthwhile sentence of more than four words. As for Poopy, well, he'll probably make good soup."

Dear Mr. Heenan,

You had better get Tony Schiavone on to prescribed medicine, because I think he will explode if he witnesses one more piece of interference or backstabbing. Do you think he goes a little bit overboard?

J Williams, Parkensburg, NV

"Yeah, but Tony can swim . . . so what's your question."

Dear Bobby,

What is your favorite wrestler?

M Roberts, Kentucky.

"Hey, humanoid, a winning one!"

Dear Mr. Heenan,

Can you settle an argument? I say Arn and Ole Anderson, Ric Flair and Tully Blanchard were the original Horsemen, but my friend disagrees about Ole. Who is right?

Kristine Bullock, Stone Creek, OH

"Glad you asked and glad to help. Hope this clears up everything."

"If Arn was an original Horseman, Ole was too. If Ole wasn't an original Horseman, there's only a slight possibility — about 22 percent — that Arn is actually a Horseman now. Ric Flair — Whoooo!, — has always been a Horseman, although he doesn't like racing horses. Tully Blanchard once busted my brain to get some answers, but couldn't determine his left from his right. Barry Windham has been rumored to ride horses in his free time, while Sting smells like a horse. J.J. Dillon now washes horses' . . . well, I think you know what. And Hulk Hogan . . . he can't spell horse."

Dear Bobby,

I have always admired and respected your work; however, I think you were wrong to turn down the chance to manage Sgt. Craig "Pitbull" Pittman. What were your reasons?

D. Dunlop, Dahlonega, GA

"Sorry, my reason is classified!"

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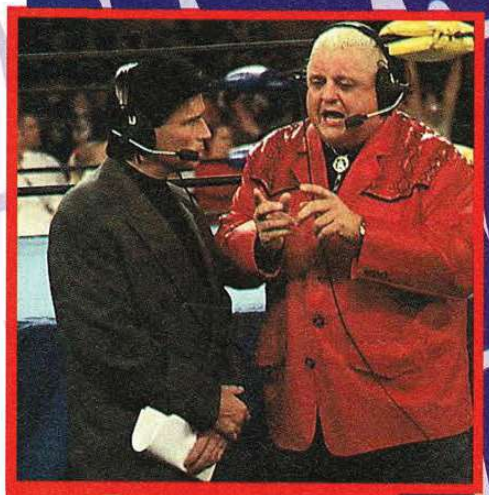

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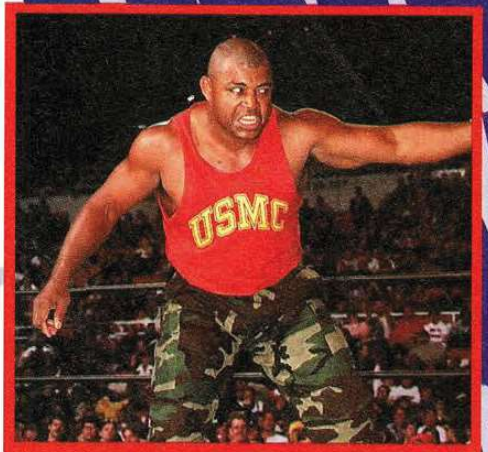

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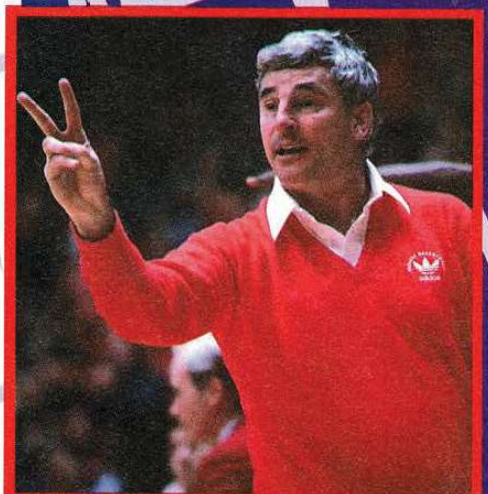

Is Hulk Hogan turning into Bobby Knight?

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THE Regal DECREE

I have been asked to make an apology this month as I have been inundated with phone calls, faxes, telegrams and letters regarding my comments last month about Princess Diana, who so many of you seem to hold so dear to your heart. Well, my reaction to all of you people who I have offended is, I couldn't care less. She deserves everything that she gets. May the skies fall upon this evil old cow.

Now on to some WCW matters. Let's start with the Four Horsemen: Ric Flair, Arn Anderson, Flyin' Brian Pillman and Chris Benoit. It is quite an interesting combination of North American talent, albeit far inferior to those of nobility. Ric Flair and Arn Anderson are the veterans of the group; both are average wrestlers, at best. Flyin' Brian is rather explosive in his mannerisms and his verbal abuse of people, which is typical for Americans. He is nothing more than a toe rag; he's a pathetic low-bred. Chris Benoit, the Canadian Crippler, is someone who I have a lot of respect for, strictly because he is a Commonwealth citizen, and the fact he knows his rightful place around me . . . I am a Lord and he has to show me great respect. As you peasants saw on New Year's Nitro, my qualities as a wrestler shined brightly that night as I quite convincingly beat Chris Benoit, who — and you people might not have known this — was once know as The Canadian Moose Molester. His incredible talents are no match for mine.

Two Blue Bloods are far superior to Four Horsemen.

It seems everyone wants to know about Jeeves, our new butler. However, I'm afraid to say it, but, he is not quite living up to the standards that people of our stature have. So, I don't know how much longer he'll be around if he doesn't improve. Where did he come from? Well, that's simple, although I'm not too pleased to talk about it . . . Robert won Jeeves in a poker game. Yes, a poker game. I wouldn't think Robert would be playing such nonsense games, but he was. And he won. Then again, looking at Jeeves, I think Robert lost.

After reading Tony Schiavone's column last month, I must question his sanity. He was babbling; it was nothing but nonsense. People who talk like that normally get put on medication. Mr. Schiavone should pay attention a little more to Bobby "The Brain" Heenan's column.

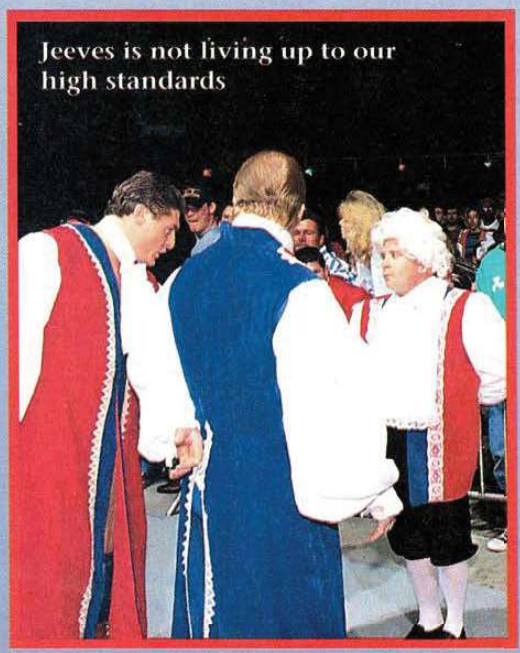
(Editor's Note: Schiavone last month predicted Regal will fall in love with Huntsville, Ala., and the Blue Bloods will change their name to The Good Ole Boys.)

Another note about WCW Magazine that comes to mind is Diamond Dallas Page's column. How ridiculous! What in the world can he comment about . . . gaudy jewellry, simply being a two-bit hustler, bleach-blonde hair or cheap cigars?

Americans honored Martin Luther King in January, which I think was a just thing to do. But, remember, Mr. King was only an American. So, do the Americans need a full day to honor him? I think 15 minutes would suffice for all Americans, if at all.

I am so happy that that silly event called the Super Bowl is over. What nonsense. Think about it . . . it's nothing more than another day for you beer-swilling, low-bred Americans to eat those chemically-laden snacks, such as Dorritos or hot dogs. Plus, football is nothing more than a poor man's rugby. The words fail me concerning this non-sensible occasion.

I did not do much traveling in January. Instead, I spent time inside the castle with my new computer. Jeeves types in my commands, as I wouldn't lower myself to typing. Anyway, the nonsense that comes forth from these computers is amazing.


Jeeves is not living up to our high standards

Would someone please inform Disco Inferno that this is 1996 — not 1976! To see him gallivanting in that atrocious white outfit is an embarrassment to WCW. Where on earth did this man come from? He is nothing more than a totally ludicrous, inadequate wrestler. He is an ignoramus.

Can anyone explain to me why Sting paints his face? Is he an escapee from Barnum & Bailey's Circus?

As you people probably know, there is an incredibly poor imitation of myself at the moment in the WWF. Hunter Hearst Helmsley is an American, so how can he possibly be of noble descent. He should be flogged for his poor acting, not to mention his pathetic wrestling ability. And listen to him on interviews, he tries to copy me in every way possible; it's just too bad he doesn't have the verbiage to copy me. He is nothing more than a mere shadow of the real thing, Lord Steven Regal.

Finally and, yes, I know they are a bit late, but I have a few predictions for 1996. Here goes:

Steve McMichael will — and I hope this happens — string together a sentence without the phrase 'Oh Baby' at the end of it.

Marcus Bagwell and Scotty Riggs will stop wearing those ridiculous necklaces and will start wrestling in some proper ring uniforms.

Diamond Dallas Page will learn that the ladies he associates himself with here in America are nothing more than floozies. Then he will realize that if he bought the Diamond Doll a hamburger and fries — not roses — she would be appreciative.

Hulk Hogan will not be able to deny my chance to humiliate and beat him.

Randy Savage will learn how to use hair conditioner.

And to end on a positive note, I have heard that all my subjects in the UK will once again be able to marvel at my ability when Nitro begins on TNT in Britain this April.

Until next month, toodle pip!
Lord Steven Regal

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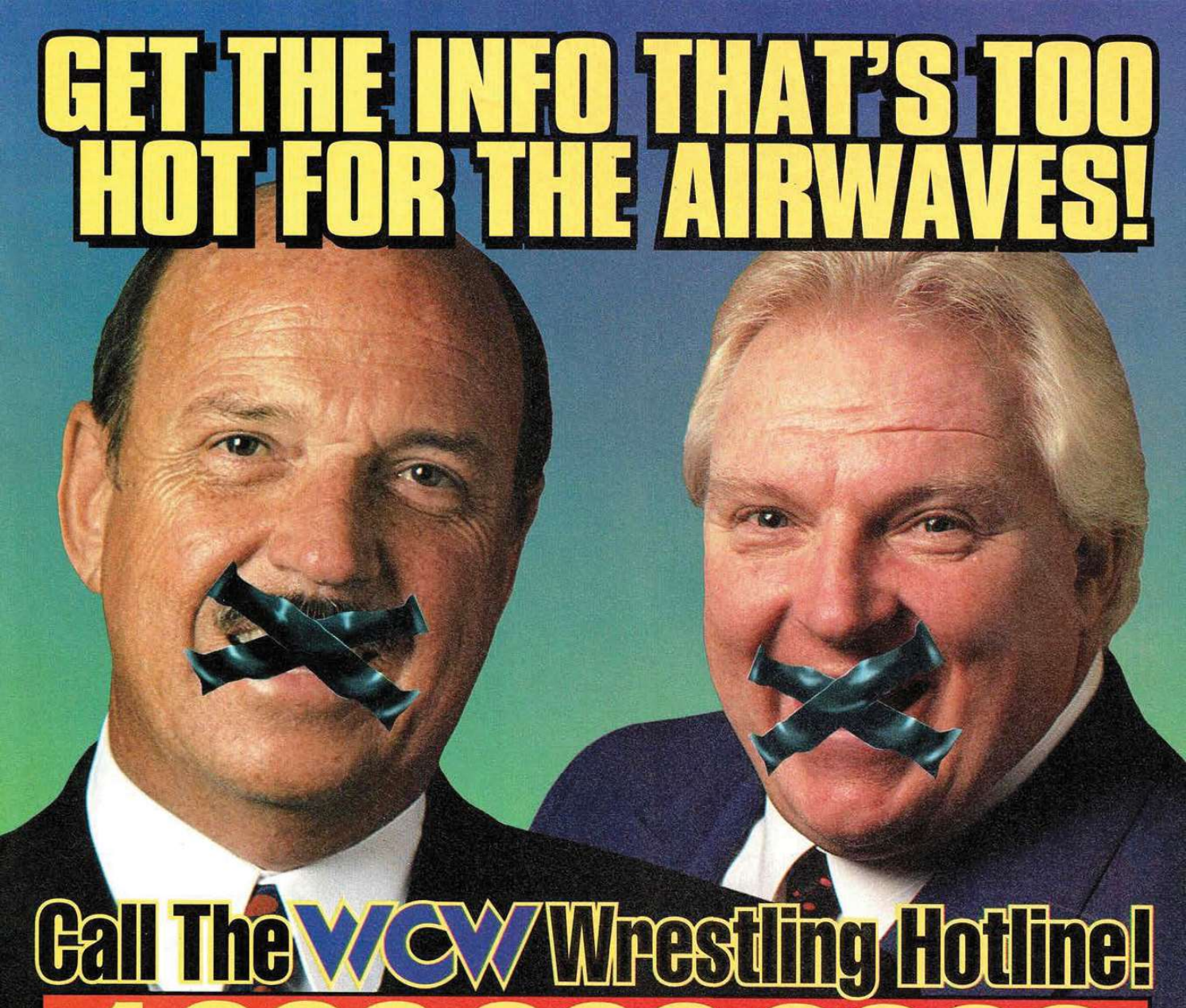

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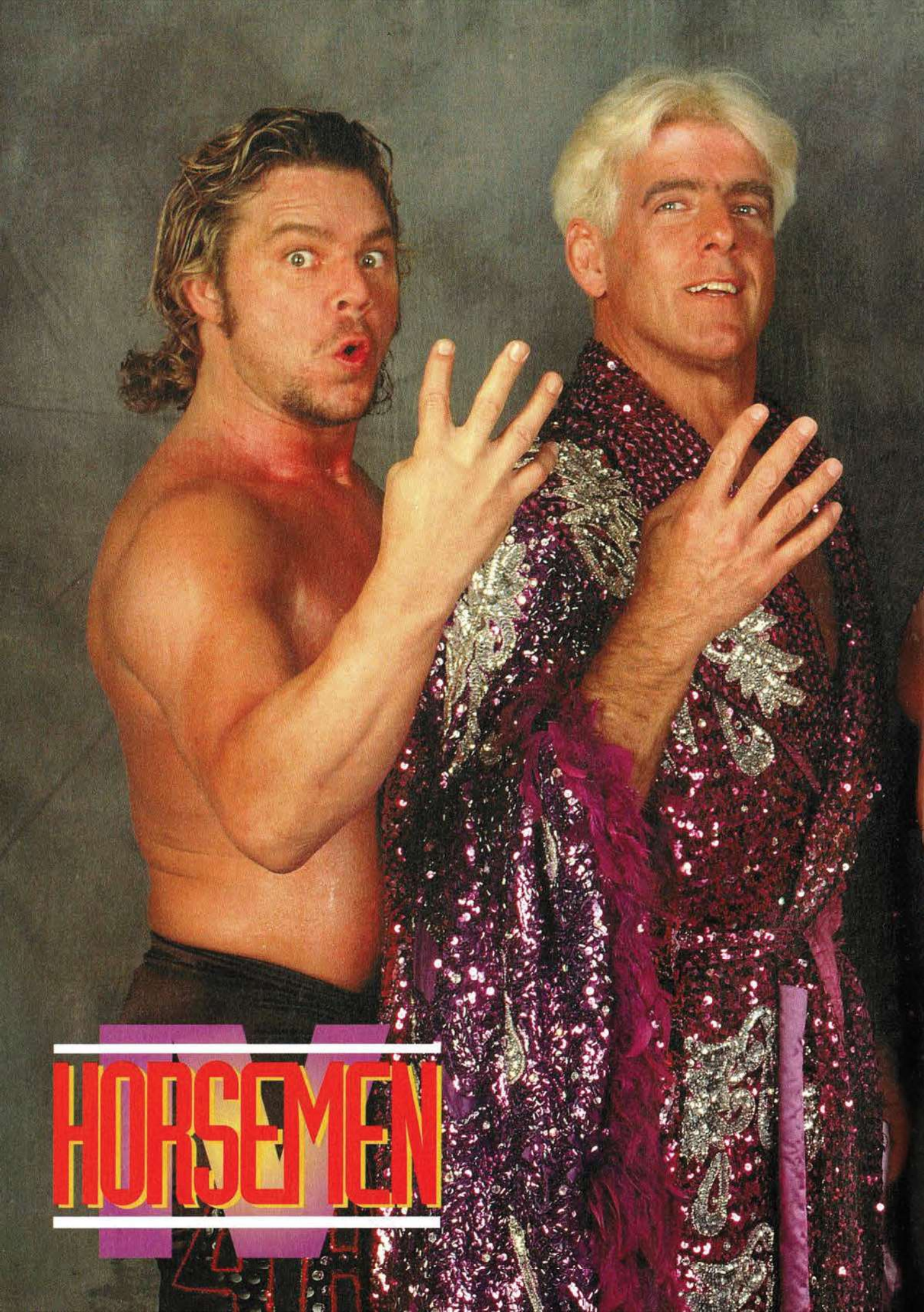
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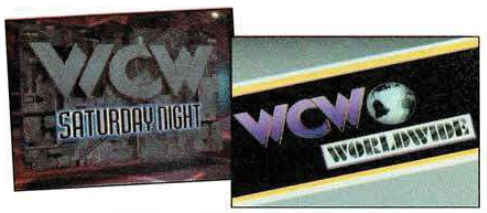

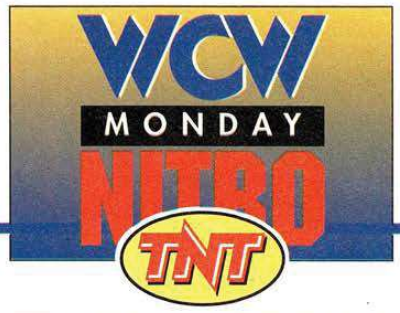

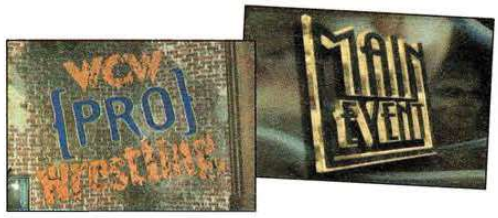

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LIVE EVENT CALENDAR

Check out our calendar to find out when WCW will be coming to your area. Cities, arenas and dates are subject to change, so please check before you make your plans.

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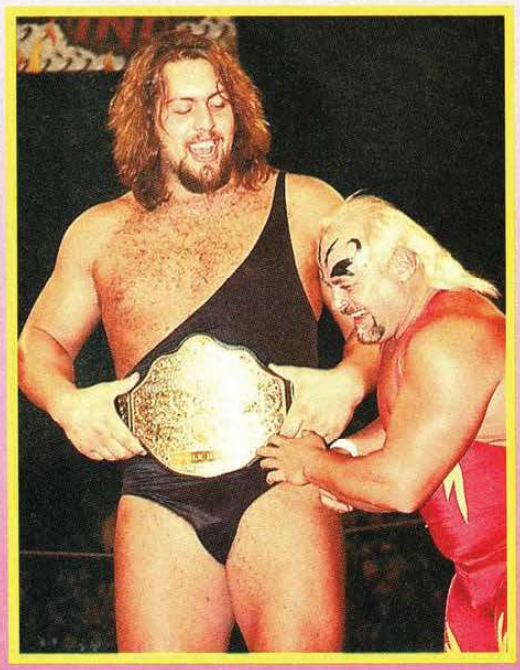
IN THE HOTSEAT

KEVIN SULLIVAN

It's often said that Kevin Sullivan is the most sadistic man in WCW and, well, he has no qualms with that claim. In fact, to him, that's a compliment, much the way Ric Flair called Sullivan "The Devil" on a Monday Nitro in late-December. Just consider this late-January exchange between the veteran superstar Sullivan — now known as The Taskmaster, head of the Dungeon of Doom — and WCW Magazine:



WCW Magazine: Kevin, you spent all of 1995 plotting, scheming conniving and just causing trouble. . . do you plan to continue in 1996?

Kevin, with an ear-to-ear smile: "Yes, yes, yes yes . . . I did all of that in '95 and certainly plan to do more of it in '96.

Sullivan's warped ways are legendary. He's diabolical on his worst day and deadly on his best. And when is that best day? Well, in Sullivan's world, there's only one good day: "when Hulk Hogan has been eliminated for good." Nothing else will satisfy Sullivan.

"Things are going fine these days," Sullivan says, his voice barely above a whisper, as it remained throughout the interview.

"The Dungeon of Doom is controlled. We are the strongest force in the universe — not Hulkamania.

"I am going to defeat Hulkamania if it's the last thing I do in this world. My father, the Master, has given me the warriors to win this battle . . . and we will do it."

"We" is Zodiac, Meng, Shark and, of course, the prized jewel: The Giant, among others.

"There is a mass of people out there who have been wandering in the sea of life. Myself included, until my father — the Master — showed me the way. And that's all the people in the Dungeon needed: to be shown the way," Sullivan said.

The Dungeon almost pulled off the ultimate victory at Halloween Havoc '95, held at the Joe Louis Arena in Detroit, Mich. The Giant claimed he captured the WCW World Heavyweight Championship over Hogan, and actually left the arena with the gold. But WCW Vice-President (of business and administration) Nick Lambros subsequently stripped the Giant of the title.

"We had Hogan right where we wanted him in Detroit, but he slipped out of our grasp, just like the snake that he is," Sullivan said. "Was it a moral victory? No, because there's no such thing as a moral victory; either we completely destroy Hulkamania, or we die trying.

"The problem with Hulk Hogan is simple, he has another generation of children brainwashed that you can overcome any adversary. But that's not so. In reality, you can only overcome adversity if you go to the darkside."

Case in point, the Giant, son of the late Andre The Giant.

"I sought the Giant for the Dungeon because the biggest thing Hogan had overcome in his life was Andre The Giant. Now the Giant will be the downfall of Hulk Hogan."

Hogan had, arguably, the most famous match of his career in Michigan, as part of a major WWF pay-per-view, ironically, originating from nearby Pontiac, Mich.

"The night Hogan wrestled Andre The Giant, he was lucky, nothing else," Sullivan said. "Well, Hogan, it's deja vu time and the Giant won't just defeat Hulk Hogan. No, no, no . . . he will destroy Hulkamania.

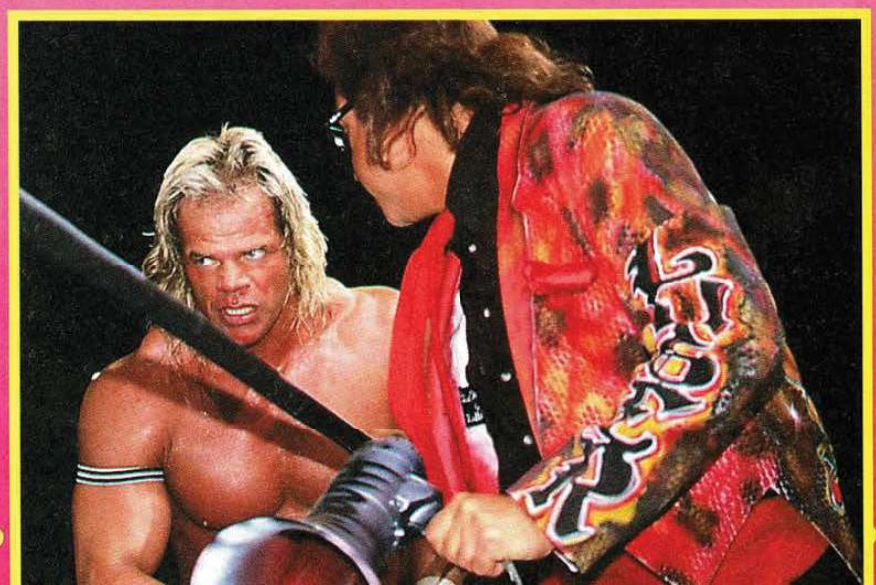
"The Giant does not like to talk about that evening (in Pontiac), so I don't bring it up. But he was there. Yeah, of course he was there. Incidently, the Giant was almost rooting against his father that night because he had almost been caught in the trap of Hulkamania."

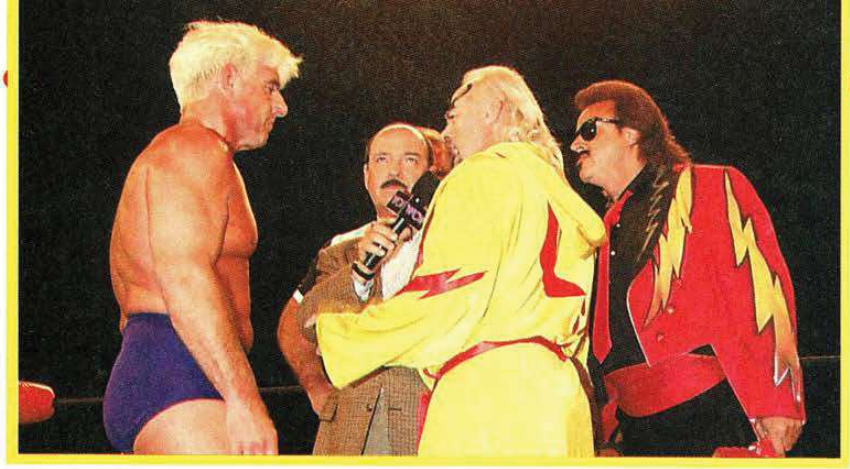
"The Giant — thanks to myself and the Master — has learned what Hogan has done to his family. And now the Giant — thanks to myself and the Master — will destroy Hulkamania. It's his destiny to become the World Heavyweight Champion."

The Giant also will have to give credit one of these days to his choke-slam, arguably the most devastating finishing hold in the sport. Even more-so than Lex Luger's Torture Rack.

Speaking of Luger, Sullivan said he has "no relationship" with the buffed battler because "I don't know if Lex Luger can be trusted."

Still, Jimmy Hart, who also serves as Sullivan's manager, is the manager for





Luger. That, though, doesn't bother Sullivan.

"Jimmy Hart and I have been building a plan to destroy Hulkamania. We've been cultivating the concept for over a year."

"Want proof," Sullivan asks? "Just look at a six-man tag team match from just over a year ago, featuring Sting, among others, and Mr. T as the special guest referee."

"I didn't grab the megaphone from Jimmy; no, he gave it to me and we used it," Sullivan said.

"Jimmy is the craftiest manager on the face of this earth. For instance, look at what he's done over the past few years: he weaved his way into the inner sanctums of Hulkamania, learning what made him tick."

"Jimmy Hart has always been a winner, and he will continue to be."

Other longtime WCW winners are the Four Horsemen. But is there a rift brewing between them and Sullivan's crew?

"As history shows, every great empire eventually fell to a more barbaric race, one that was hungrier, one that didn't grow soft," Sullivan says, "The Horsemen were — and still are — the elite. But there's a huge difference between elite and violence. We are the masters of mayhem, and will remain that way."

"The Four Horsemen had better not interfere with the Dungeon of Doom because, if they do, the Dungeon takes no prisoners."

Specifically, Flyin' Brian Pillman.

"Brian Pillman is nothing more than a loose cannon, someone you definitely do not want to turn your back on. Perhaps he wants to take over the reigns? I wouldn't tolerate that, and neither should Flair. I respect and admire Ric Flair because he's the greatest champion of all time," Sullivan said. "Arn Anderson is the voice of reason among that bunch. He doesn't want to fight the Dungeon of Doom . . . because there will be no winners. And, in reality, the Dungeon also doesn't want a fight. Hopefully it won't come to pass. Everyone will lose; there will only be survivors."

And you can bet Sullivan will be among the survivors.

Here are Kevin Sullivan's views on various WCW personalities:

"MACHO MAN" RANDY SAVAGE

"I know Savage's weakness . . . and Savage's weakness will appear soon. So, to Hulk Hogan's. Things in the past are always what they seem to be; they never change. Just remember, Hogan, a leopard never changes its spots."

JOHNNY B. BADD

"He's a terrific athlete who could be the greatest World TV Champion of all-time, but he's more involved with doing good than winning; that will be his ultimate downfall."

KIMBERLY

"Yes, she's taken Johnny a long way . . . but I've never trusted a woman in my life."

DIAMOND DALLAS PAGE

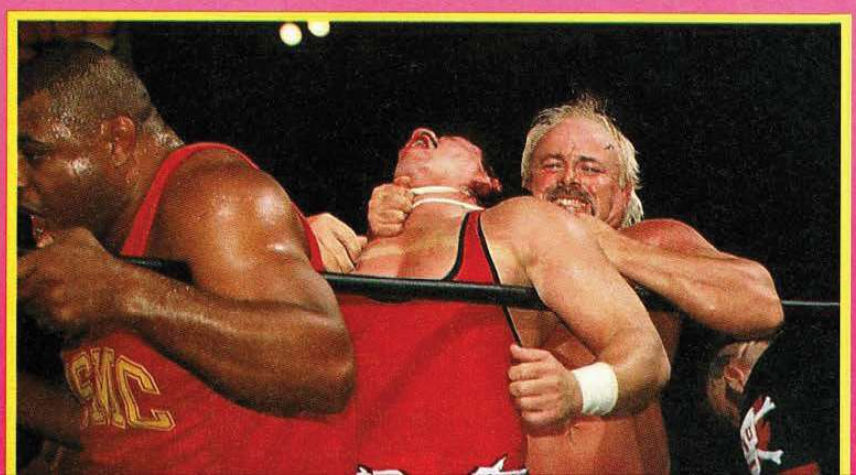
"He will make Johnny B. Badd regret the day he won the belt."

ERIC BISCHOFF

"He has made WCW the No. 1 wrestling company in the world."

NICK LAMBROS, WCW Vice President (Business & Administration)

"Do you know what a lawyer on the bottom of the ocean is? A good start. Nick Lambros had better not mess with the Dungeon of Doom."



BOBBY "THE BRAIN" HEENAN

"The greatest manager of all time who is now the greatest broadcast-journalist."

MEAN GENE OKERLUND

"He irritates me because his best friend is Hulk Hogan. That's why I have a bit of advice for Gene . . . when you close your hotel room door, make sure you always lock it."

TONY SCHIAVONE

"The man looks like a question mark. Ask him how his neck got hurt?"

LARRY ZBYSZKO

"A living legend, nothing else needs to be said."

DUSTY RHODES

"One of the greatest wrestlers of all time. Even to this day I have nightmares thinking about what I went through going against him."

SGT. CRAIG PITTMAN

"One of the greatest amateur wrestlers of all time who will eventually become one of the greatest professional wrestlers of all time."

LORD STEVEN REGAL

"Technically, the greatest wrestler in WCW."

EARL ROBERT EATON

"The greatest tag team wrestler of all time."

JEEVES

"I wouldn't have him around."

HACKSAW JIM DUGGAN

"A buffoon."

V.K. WALLSTREET

"A very smart man who knows how to get things done."

HARLEM HEAT

"THE tag team of the '90s."

LEX LUGER

"The Total Package, it says it all."

SCOTT "FLASH" NORTON

"One who we would like to recruit into The Dungeon."

DEAN MALENKO

"A great technical wrestler."

COL. PARKER & SISTER SHERRI

"A marriage made in hell."

STEVE "MONGO" McMICHAEL

"He better not get in the way of the Dungeon of Doom if he knows what's good for him."

AMERICAN MALES

"Punks."

REFEREES, NICK PATRICK & RANDY ANDERSON

"The Dungeon of Doom has always abided by the rules set forth, and all the referee's decisions."

"MR. WONDERFUL" PAUL ORNDORFF

"His name says it all."

COBRA

"He's nothing more than a sneaky CIA counter-spy who, if he gets in the way of The Dungeon, will learn first-hand what interrogation is all about."

NAS

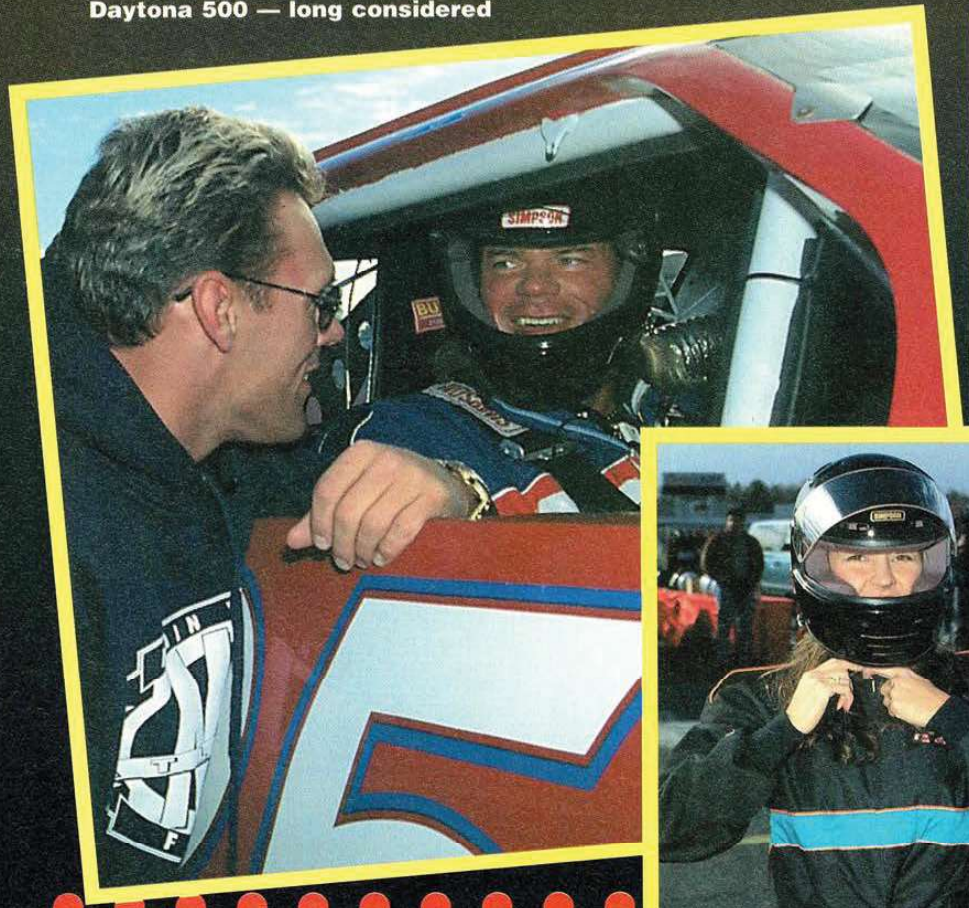
Fasten your seat belts . . . WCW storms into the Busch NASCAR Racing Series full speed ahead. And that's, oh, about 200 MPH.

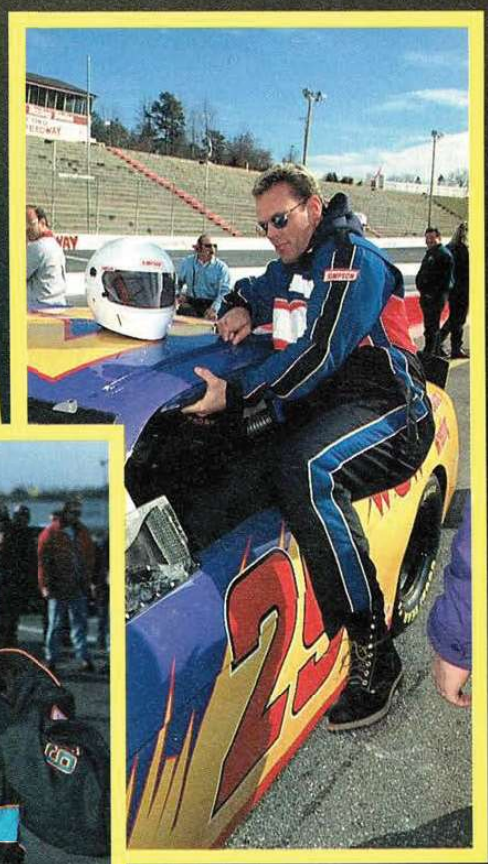
WCW is sponsoring driver Steve Grissom's car (No. 29), owned by Gary and Carolyn Bechet of Diamond Ridge Motorsports. The car, with a purple hood and WCW logo on it, features flames on the side. It will compete in 18 races this season, beginning in mid-February with the Goody's 300 in Daytona, Fla., which is the companion race to the Daytona 500 — long considered the 'Grand-daddy of all NASCAR races.' The season ends in November in Miami. Along the way, there will be stops in such cities as Charlotte, Atlanta, Detroit, Bristol, Tenn., and Watkins Glen, N.Y.

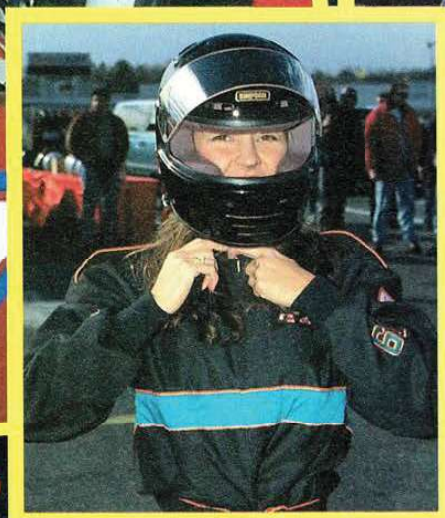
"WCW realizes that there's an incredible, natural tie between wrestling and NASCAR . . . the demographics are very similar," said Michael Weber, WCW's director of marketing. "So, we're hoping racing will be an effective tool to further expand our fan base."

Said Tag Team Champion Stevie Ray of Harlem Heat, "NASCAR is an exciting sport, that's why my brother (Booker T) and I like it. It's the most exhilarating sport to watch — other than wrestling, that is. In fact, my brother and I have been interested in NASCAR for as long as we've been interested in wrestling, maybe longer."

Stevie Ray's favorite driver is superstar Dale Earnhart "because he epitomizes Harlem Heat, with his win at all cost







CAR

attitude, plus, he's total offense and is always aggressive, just like us."

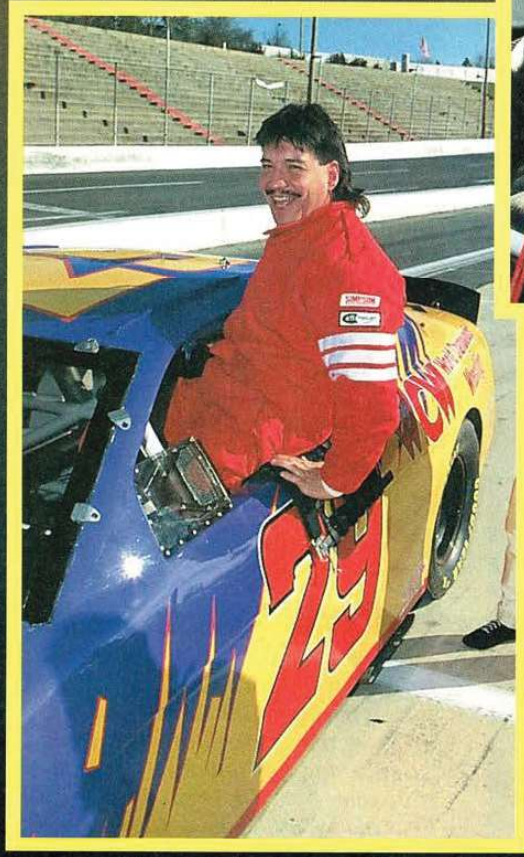
As for Grissom, a longtime wrestling fan, Stevie Ray said, "He's one of the great up-and-coming drivers in this sport, that's for sure."

WCW superstars will appear at most of the races and, Weber said, "they will be put to work . . . who knows, Sting might someday be washing the windows on the car." The wrestlers also will, naturally, sign autographs at the track.

Also, look for racing results on WCW television shows — and Grissom's car at the arenas where WCW events are held, as was the case January 8, during the Monday Nitro in Charleston, S.C.

"Wrestling and racing are the fastest growing sports in America, that's for sure," Weber said. "That's why we feel it's a perfect marriage."

Several WCW superstars tested their driving skills in December, taking the car for a spin. Drivers included Sting, DDP, Lex Luger and Eddy Guerrero.



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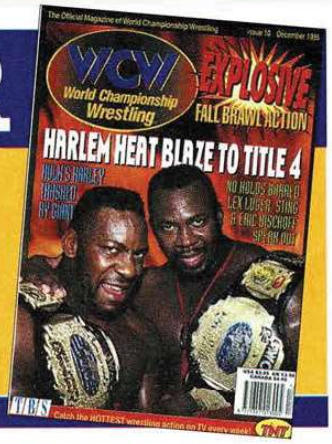
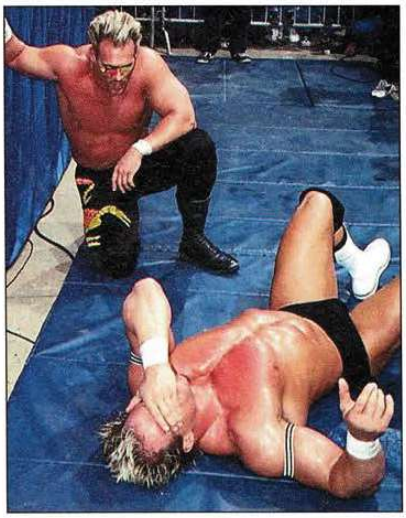
BEST EVER

Congratulations. The whole new look to the WCW Magazine cover is awesome. Issue 10 was the best cover in wrestling magazine history and not just because it featured those gods of the squared circle, Harlem Heat.

Tess Pinchot, Ada, Oklahoma



Lay off Sting

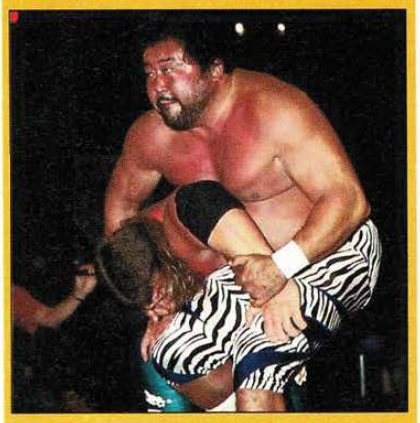


I hope Hulk Hogan and Randy Savage will lay off Sting about his relationship with Lex Luger. The Stinger has always been there for both of them and until he actually chooses to side against them with Lex they should leave him alone. If they are his real friends they will believe him when he says that he is still on their team.

Anyway, since Lex prevented Sting from re-entering the ring during the triangle match at Starrcade, they may not have to worry about the situation much longer. Only time will tell.

Deborah Wolfe, Birmingham, AL

30 YEARS AND STILL WATCHING



I've been a fan of wrestling for almost 30 years. I used to go to the Olympic Auditorium in Los Angeles and I can remember watching Mr. Saito in tag team action. I was amazed at how great he still looks. WCW is now my favorite promotion and I no longer bother with any of the others. The greatest wrestler of all time is Ric Flair and when I met him at last year's Clash of the Champions in Las Vegas, it was one of my life's highlights. I hope he isn't planning to retire anytime soon.

Carl Marer, Calabasas, CA

MATCHES IN ALANTA

As WCW's heart is in Atlanta, why aren't there more events in Atlanta? I live near to Atlanta and I would like to attend, but there never seem to be any. Can WCW look into this and perhaps bring a pay-per-view to The Omni.

Steven Rogers, Lilburn, GA

Sorry that you feel Atlanta is neglected, but that really isn't the case. At least twice a month WCW Saturday Night is taped at the Center Stage Theater in Atlanta and on January 1, Monday Nitro came from The Omni. If you wish to attend WCW Saturday Night, please telephone 1-404-827-2066 and ask for information. C.B.

NEW FIGURES

Come on WCW, hurry up with the new set of action figures. I loved the first set. They are really good value and look great. So please, please. please, release set 2.

Robbie Rogers, Corbin, KY

STARRCADE-THE BEST

Starrcade was the best show this year, not least because Ric Flair regained the belt. I know it's a cliche but WCW really is the house that Ric built. Long may it and him reign.

I was also very proud that WCW's superstars proved themselves more than a match for New Japan by winning the World Cup of Wrestling. Surely it can't get much better than this!

Congratulations, Ric, WCW and everyone involved in finishing 1995 on such a high note.

Les Hedger, Jacksonville, NC

Dear Eddy

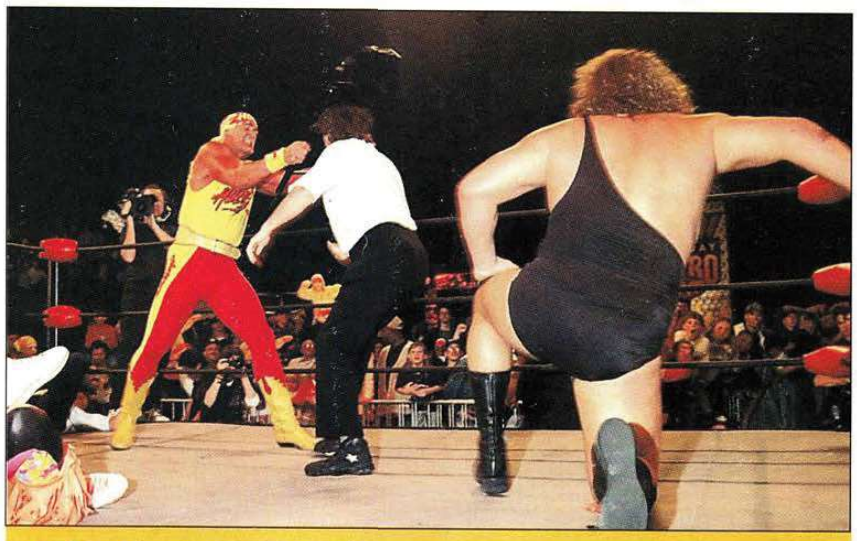
Thank you for coming to WCW, I hope you will stay here for the rest of your career. You are the best wrestler I have ever seen. I hope that WCW will bring back the lightweight title because I know you could win that and keep it for a long time. I saw you wrestle in November at Disney-MGM studios and I was very impressed, even if the lightweight title does not re-emerge, I know you have the talent to win the WCW Heavyweight title. Good luck in the future and here's hoping 1996 brings you all that you desire.

M Jezykowski, Kissimmee, FL

Nitro praise

I know I'm not the first to say this, but Monday Nitro is the epitome of what wrestling on television should be like. WCW IS where the big boys play, anything else is a children's playhouse. WCW, the true number 1.

Fred Barash, Mesa, AZ



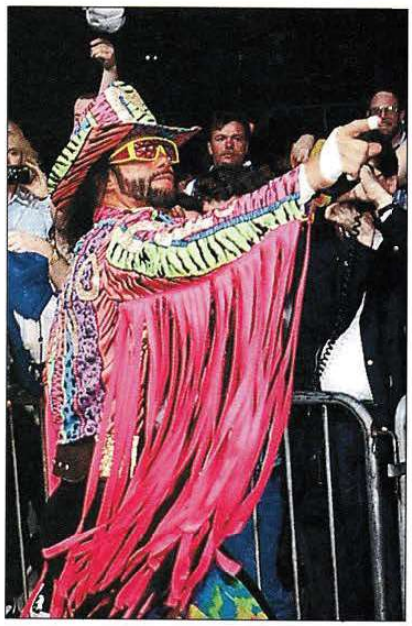
OUT OF CONTROL

After watching Monday Nitro (Dec.19) and seeing the actions of Ric Flair, Arn Anderson and Brian Pillman against Paul Orndorff, it is about time that the President of WCW actually put his foot down and did something serious to prevent such things from happening. In recent weeks we have witnessed non-stop interference and the only penalty I noticed being dished out was a week's suspension to Hulk Hogan. What kind of punishment is that? Flair, Anderson and Pillman should have each been fined $20,000. They should have been made responsible for the payment of all Paul Orndorff's medical bills. And they should have to pay him compensation for the time he is out injured. The board could also warn them that they face being banned from wrestling forever.

Come on Mr. President. WCW is a modern business. In any other company if your employees step out of line they are disciplined and in turn dismissed. Get a grip and prove that you are in control of the wrestlers and that it is not the other way around.

Dennis Moody, Sidney, ME

Mind your own



What does the WWF think they are doing airing Billionaire Ted's Wrasslin' Warroom. If I have ever witnessed an example of jealousy, bitterness and childishness this was it. If the WWF was to put as much effort into improving their own product as they did into this skit, then perhaps they could still claim to be number 1. They aren't. Hulk Hogan and "Macho Man" are still world class wrestlers far above anything else on offer at the WWF. They made the WWF and now without them it is just a parody of it's former days. And on that note I'd just like to ask a question of them . . . How many ways can you spell Power Bomb?

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COLLISION

SISTER SHERI

For more than a year now, Sister Sherri has been the u
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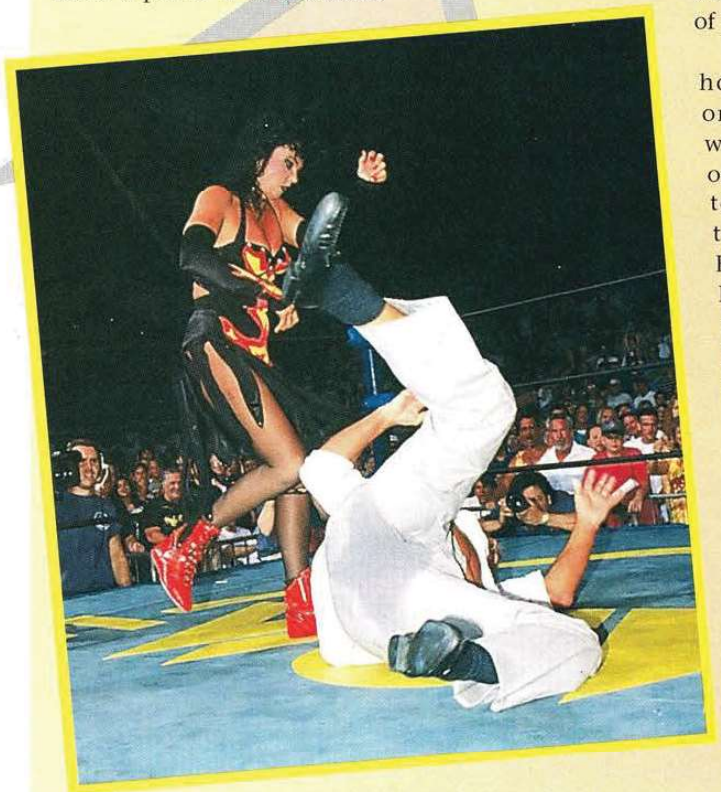
so she could face the best competition. Is She

"I want to compete where the BIG GIRLS do!" With those words, the ultra-talented WWF women's champion, the blonde battler known as Madusa, shocked the entire wrestling world. It was on WCW Monday Nitro that she sneaked up upon broadcast team Eric Bischoff, Steve McMichael and Bobby Heenan and did the unthinkable. She took her WWF women's belt and threw it in the trash!

Clearly, Madusa was trying to make a point. It was obvious to any wrestling observer that the competition in the WWF women's division had become extremely weak. Meanwhile, Madusa had watched enviously as top stars from around the world such as Cutie Suzuki, Akira Hokuto and Bull Nakano began competing under the WCW banner. It was clear what choice she had to make, the same choice that has to be made by any serious wrestler.

She simply had to come to WCW, where the biggest of big boys play.



These days, however, when one thinks of women in WCW, one would have to think of just two: Sherri and Kimberly, the Diamond Doll. While the Doll is quite a beauty and a worthwhile manager, she's not an active wrestler. In fact ask her about the prospects of her ever entering the squared circle to compete and she will tell you, "No way, not ever!"

Sherri, though, is something else again.

Sherri is a former WWF women's champion.

So is Madusa.

Sherri is a former AWA women's champion.

So is Madusa.

Sherri has competed all over the globe, capturing championships everywhere from regional federations to the Orient.

So has Madusa.

As of this writing, no challenges have been made, no contracts have been signed. It's not hard to imagine this dream match, however.

Imagine Madusa taking on Sherri in the women's wrestling match of the decade! It could happen, and that's what's making this entire scenario so fascinating.

Remember, Madusa used to be known as "The First Lady Of WCW" during her last stint in the federation. It was an unofficial title that Madusa nonetheless took very seriously. In fact, during that stint, where she was the valet for Rick Rude, she even engaged in a bikini contest to prove she was, what she then said, "the sexiest, hottest, only true First Lady of WCW."

Don't let those comments faze you these days. Since that time, Madusa has gotten serious about her craft, and it shows in her wrestling style. She's ventured to Japan and learned from the masters of the sport

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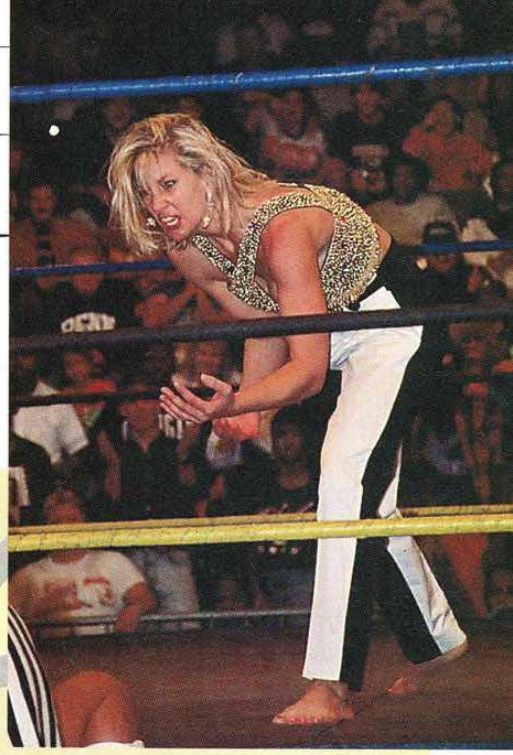

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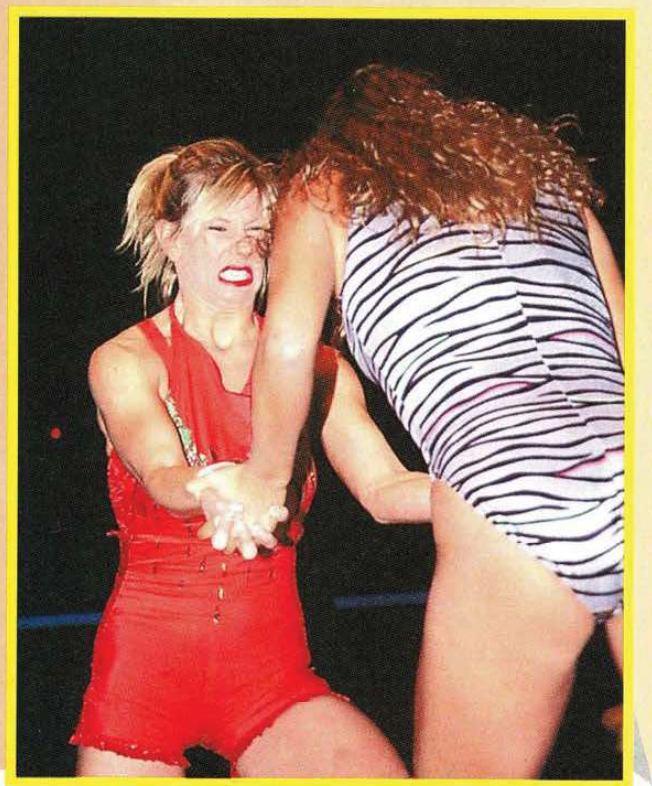
there, capturing several titles. She even garnered some martial arts-style belts during the past five years, and took on the very best competition in the world.

Ask Bull Nakano. Her series of matches against the huge 250-pounder rank as some of the finest women's matches ever.

Sherri used to be one of the finest women's wrestlers ever. That may come as news to some fans who only know her as a manager, but Sherri was a tenacious, violent competitor who would stop at nothing to win her bouts. She has taken on the cream of women's action, including Fabulous Moolah, Debbie Combs, Lelani Kai, Wendi Richter and other top stars. She also became one of the most feared women in the history of the sport.

Do Sherri and Madusa rank as two of the greatest female wrestlers ever?

Clearly, they do. Both names belong with any list of the greats, including June Byers, Fabulous Moolah, Ann Casey and Richter. There's little doubt that a bout between these two would be something that any women's star of past or present would want ringside seats for.



Is Sherri rusty? Perhaps a bit, but her performance during the six-person match pitting herself and Harlem Heat against Col. Parker, Dick Slater and Bunkhouse Buck seemed to prove that this is one hot-tempered lady who always keeps herself in fighting shape. Sure, she won that matching by planting a big wet kiss on the lips of Parker, but she wasn't afraid to attempt a flying bodysplash on the man . . . a man who stands 6'5" and weighs 280 pounds!

Madusa, in recent years, has become a master of bridges, suplexes and endurance. Her incredible physique belies her commitment to physical training and dedication to her sport. During her AWA days, she seemed more content to win her matches by using cheap tactics, but during the past eight years, she's been more concerned with establishing herself as the greatest women's competitor in the sport.

How would a match between these two legends go? We suspect that Sherri, frustrated by Madusa's technical acumen, might get down and dirty first. We can clearly remember watching Sherri beel-throw other women wrestlers by the hair during her prime. Sherri has just a bit more experience, and that also could be the difference in the bout.

Who would win? The cunning tactics of Sherri, or the all-athletic acumen of Madusa? Brunette or blonde? Dirty or clean?

We can dream, can't we? Let's face it: A bout between Madusa and Sherri, in addition to being a wrestling classic, would be a lot easier on the eyes than a One Man Gang match, don't you think?

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HULK HOGAN'S TOUGHEST YEAR YET!

"Remember this?"

After having "retired" Ric Flair at Halloween Havoc '94 and beating his former friend, The Butcher, at Starrcade '94, little did Hulk Hogan know that his next challenge would be right around the corner with the 450-pound Vader . . .

Hogan bested Vader during several contests, including one where the reinstated Flair took the pinfall . . . At Bash at the Beach, Hogan was confronted by a 7'4" stranger and only Hogan knew it was truly the son of Andre the Giant . . . Battled several members of Kevin Sullivan's Dungeon of Doom . . . Battled Lex Luger and even Sting on WCW Monday Nitro . . . Took on the Giant at Halloween Havoc and lost by disqualification, which later meant that he also lost the title on a technicality — weasel manager Jimmy Hart, who betrayed him at that match, wrote into the contract that the title could be lost on a DQ . . .WCW Commissioner Nick Bockwinkel agreed that Hogan had lost the title, but declared the Giant's nefarious victory using the chicanery of The Yeti, Lex Luger and Hart void as well . . . Beat the Giant in a battle of monster trucks at Havoc also, but an after-match skirmish led the Giant to fall from the roof of Cobo Arena . . . Did not regain the title at the 60-man battle royal at World War 3, but it was proven that Hogan never was eliminated but pulled out from under the ropes by the Giant as Randy Savage was declared the winner . . . Ended 1995 suspended for manhandling officials, but was reinstated on January 1, 1996 . . . Still aches to hold the WCW World title he claims he never lost . . . Savage lost the title to Flair at the year's most controversial title bout at Starrcade '95.

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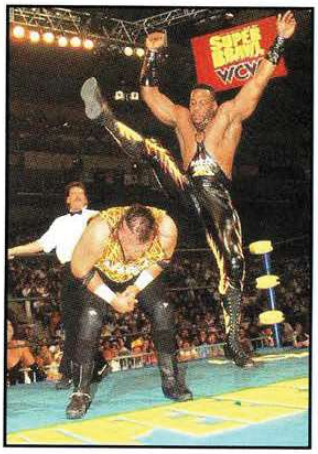
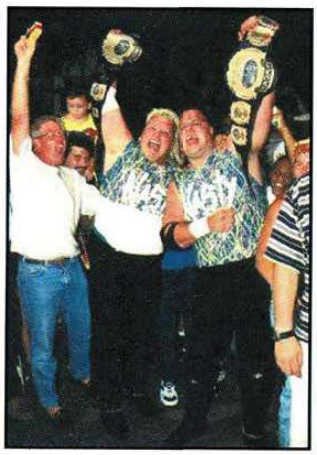
ggest ever for WCW, and now we invite you to take a look back gendary wrestling superstars! Here's an inside look at the year omise that 1996 is going to be even bigger for our fans!

TAG TEAM TURMOIL ...& ROMANCE!

That KISS!

Harlem Heat emerged as one of the greatest WCW tag teams of all time. Booker T and Stevie Ray, managed by Sherri, lost the belts to the unlikely team of Bunkhouse Buck and Dick Slater at mid-year, but regained the belts in a wild bout . . . The manager of Buck and Slater, Col. Rob Parker, kissed Sherri during a PPV pre-event on TBS, but Sherri responded by belting him . . . Sherri received amnesia during a six-man bout but later pinned Parker by leaping on him and kissing him, but





real romance followed as the blow on her head had erased all memories of her hatred for Parker . . . Parker and Sherri spent months wooing each other, much to the disgust of just about everyone, especially their ownmen . . . The Blue Bloods and the Nasty Boys had fine years, with each team amassing winning records. Brian Knobs and Jerry Sags were champions until the Heat unseated them . . . Upsetting the Heat were the American Males, but the Heat regained the belts yet again in a rematch . . . New teams to WCW were Men At Work, the Super Assassins, Barrio Brothers and the Horsemen tandem of Chris Benoit and Brian Pillman.

SO WHO'S THE DIRTIEST PLAYER IN THE GAME?

After Hulk Hogan and Randy Savage got Ric Flair reinstated, the "Nature Boy" engaged in some of his most nefarious tactics ever . . . Dressed like a woman and leaped from the stands to attack Randy Savage . . . Attacked Randy's father, 70--year-old Angelo Poffo . . . Belted Savage with his father's cane to win the main event of The Great American Bash . . . Teamed with Vader to just about wipe out Dave Sullivan on television in what might have been Flair's most crazed moment ever . . . Attacked Sting during a tag team match pitting himself and Sting against Arn Anderson and Brian Pillman; buddied up to Sting by using Sting's own fans as pawns . . . Used brass knuckles and the Horsemen to regain the WCW World title from Savage . . . and that's just part of the lousy things Flair did in 1995!

That was no lady!

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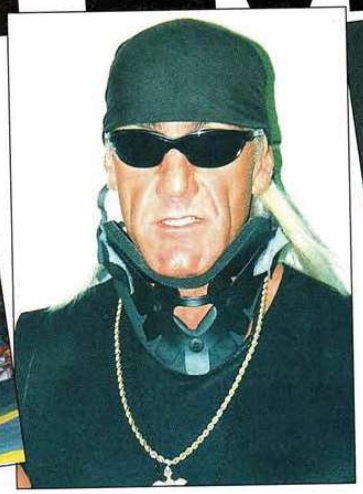

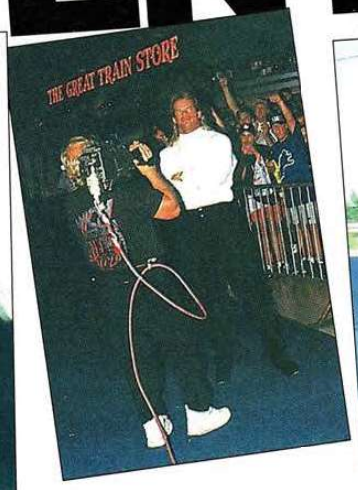

WCW Monday Nitro debuted, hosted by Eric Bischoff, Steve McMichael and Bobby Heenan. The show quickly becomes the highest-rated wrestling show on the air . . . the Taskmaster, Kevin Sullivan, aided by the Master, who he calls Father, forms the Dungeon of Doom, which at various times included Kamala, Zodiac, Luger, the Yeti, the Giant, Hugh Morrus, Meng, Shark and One Man Gang . . . Sgt. Craig Pittman had a banner year, but several late losses sent him seeking out a manager . . . More raw talent entered WCW than ever before. Newcomers to the federation included Disco Inferno, Eddy Guerrero, Chris Benoit, Sabu and Dean Malenko. All make an immediate impact . . . Young star Alex Wright continued to develop, as did the tag team of the American Males, Marcus Bagwell and Scotty Riggs . . . Veterans having excellent years included Hacksaw Duggan, who feuded with another longtime superstar, Big Bubba Rogers . . . Paul Orndorff saw a career resurgence after consulting psychic Gary Spivey . . . Renegade won the WCW World Television title from

STING, SAVAGE, LUGER: HOT

STING: Even though he refused to end his friendship with Luger after Luger attacked Hogan and Savage, Sting had a great year in 1995 filled with fan adoration . . . Won the U.S. title in a tournament after Vader was forced to give up the belt . . . Emerged as the winner of a vicious feud with Meng . . . Lost the U.S. title in Japan to Kensuke Sasaki . . . Took on Hogan on WCW Monday Nitro after Hogan referred to him in an interview as "a little dog" — and nearly defeated Hogan, but the Dungeon of Doom interfered . . . Still teams with Luger and the combo is undefeated.

RANDY SAVAGE: The "Macho Man" did what he set out to do by capturing the WCW World championship at World War 3's 60-man battle royal . . . Proved he's a true sportsman by offering Hogan a crack at the belt, but his loss to Flair wiped away that bout . . . Feuded with Flair most of the year, but scored an impressive victory at Bash at the Beach . . . Remained true and loyal to his friends and fans all year long.

LEX LUGER: Luger, on the other hand, abandoned everyone but Sting . . . Shocked the wrestling world by appearing at WCW Monday's Nitro's inaugural September broadcast . . . Immediately asked for a shot at Hogan's WCW World title, and got it, but interference by the Dungeon

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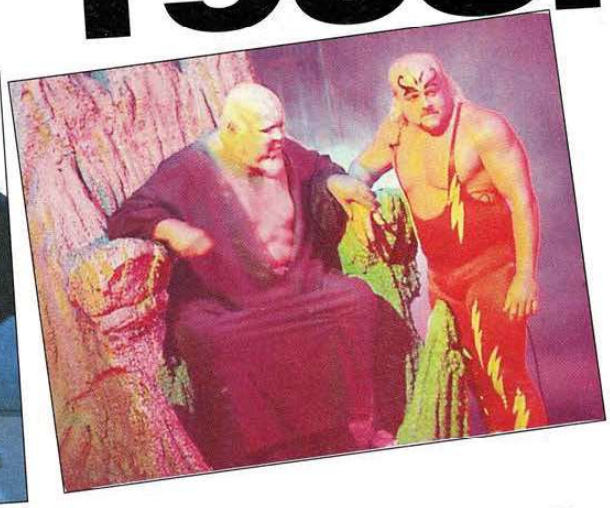

Arn Anderson, but later was defeated by Diamond Dallas Page, who in turn was defeated by Johnny B. Badd, who later even gained the services of the Diamond Doll, Kimberly . . . Teddy Long returned to WCW, as did Scott Norton and One Man Gang, who joined the Dungeon of Doom, winning the U.S title from Kensuke Sasaki in a dark match at Starrcade '95. Madusa returned and threw her WWF women's title belt in the trash . . . At year's close, WCW boasted the largest roster of wrestling superstars in history with new arrivals on a weekly basis.

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Of Doom would not allow a clean victory . . . Teamed with Hogan, Sting and Savage to defeat the Dungeon of Doom at War Games, but Luger and Savage skirmished during the bout — a sign of things to come . . . Turned against all WCW fan favorites with his brutal attacks of Savage and Hogan at Halloween Havoc . . . Feuded with Savage and scored a victory over him at World War 3 — but only after injuring Savage's arm during a WCW Monday Nitro telecast.

10 HUGE WCW MOMENTS OF 1995!

1.
Hulk Hogan loses to the Giant at Halloween Havoc on a disqualification; later lost the title on a technicality.

2.
Ric Flair reforms the Four Horsemen with Arn Anderson, Chris Benoit and Brian Pillman; a previous feud with Anderson was just a ruse.

3.
WCW Monday Nitro debuts; program features NFL great Steve McMichael.

4.
WCW wins the World Cup by defeating New Japan Pro Wrestling at Starrcade '95.

5.
Dusty Rhodes replaces Bobby Heenan on WCW Saturday Night; Tony Schiavone seems more at ease than ever.

6.
Jimmy Hart turns against Hulk Hogan.

7.
Lex Luger arrives in WCW, but turns his back on the fans — while Sting stands by him.

8.
The Dungeon of Doom forms.

9.
Harlem Heat dominate the WCW tag team scene throughout the year.

10.
WCW clearly becomes the top wrestling organization in the world.

HOTLINE

MARK MADDEN

The Federal Communications Commission was created to stop people like Brian Pillman. My question is, why isn't it?

Not only is Pillman driving TBS and TNT censors crazy with his off-the-wall TV interviews, but now he has his own radio talk show, on WLW in Cincinnati. That's 700 on your AM dial. The 50,000-watt station's signal does as far west as Denver and as far east as Bermuda, as far south as Cuba and as far north as Hudson Bay, Canada. The show is heard in 38 states and Canada, "and Canada would be a state if I had my way," said Pillman.

Pillman's show airs from 7-9 p.m. Saturdays. The content of the show is half wrestling, half politics. Pillman's political views combine those of Rush Limbaugh and Dr. Josef Goebbels.

"The hatred in my heart spews profusely," said Pillman. "I hate liberals, I hate Clinton, I hate criminals. I believe in three strikes and your out. Commit three felonies and it's time to get out Old Sparky. Warm up the electric chair."

"I like people with the guts to stand up for their constitutional rights. The right to bear arms. The right to free speech. I like people who want to take back their streets, people who want to torture criminals instead of giving them three square meals a day."

Yes, these are a few of his favorite things. These and wrestling.

"I have to talk about wrestling," he said. "If I say I'm going to talk about wrestling, the phone lines light up. I mean, that's why WLW gave me the show, because I'm a wrestler. You think they like me? They're just using me!"

"But that's all right, because I can use the the show as a propaganda tool for the Four Horsemen. I get to brainwash people all over North America. I get to espouse the Horsemen way of life. Even Fidel Castro listens to me in Cuba!"

Sounds like Radio Free Horsemen.

Pillman already has a cult following in Cincinnati thanks to his status as a two-time All-America college football player at the University of Miami (Ohio) and his pro football career with the Cincinnati Bengals and in the Canadian Football League.

Pillman is driving the censors nuts

I was a guest on one of the very first editions of Pillman's show. I was humiliated, abused, belittled and made to feel inferior. What great radio! And don't forget, I was a guest. Pillman treats his callers worse.

"I had one guy, he was on hold for an hour-and-a-half waiting to get on," Pillman said. "When he finally got on, he said, 'Boy, you've wasted a lot of time.' And I said, 'What a loser you must be, to stay on hold for an hour-and-a-half! You're outta here!' I hung up on him. Aggravate me and you're gone."

It's a wonder Pillman can talk at all, let alone for two hours without shutting up. He underwent a series of throat operations, which started at at age 2 and lasted through high school, to cure a condition called polyphoma. The experience left him with a raspy, strained voice. But it's a voice that's being heard all over North America.

"The Horsemen are seizing the airwaves," said Pillman.

The Horsemen in control? marching down Main Street, USA with venom in their souls and Brian Pillman's message being heard on every available radio?

I can live with that.

A few issues ago, Mean Gene Okerlund profiled my fellow Hotline personality Mike Tenay, which sent me a clear message. If I was lazy like Tenay and never contributed to this magazine, then sooner or later someone would promote me with a full-page Valentine.

At any rate, let me tell you a little about myself, since no one else will.

I'm 35 and I've been employed as a sportswriter with the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette for 18 years, the last nine full-time. I currently cover primarily the National Hockey League and the Pittsburgh Penguins. As I write this, I'm en route to Kansas City to cover the Chiefs-Indianapolis Colts National Football League playoff game.

What's the point of all this?

The point is, of all the sorry people who try to pass themselves off as journalists in pro wrestling, I alone am the real deal. I've been in the arena, I know all about journalistic ethics, and I value the truth above all else. I like working for the WCW Hotline but, frankly, I don't need to. I make a lot of money at my job. That's why I record messages without fear nor favor, with no thought to the consequences.

The truth shall set you free. It may set me free one of these days.

But until it does, listen to me every Wednesday and Friday on the WCW Hotline. I'm not some geek that watches wrestling tapes, then passes himself off as an expert. I'm out there doing a job. I've looked Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker Greg Lloyd in the eye. I've looked Pittsburgh Penguins enforcer Chris Tamer in the eye. I've written critical stories about teams, then walked into their locker room the next day.

I fear no one. The pen is mightier than the sword. But I'm ready for a swordfight too, if need be.

Mark Madden hosts the WCW Hotline updates on a Wednesday and Friday

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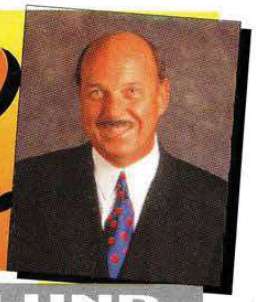

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$275,000.

Yes, folks, that's how much Bobby "The Brain" Heenan lost — in one night — at a Las Vegas craps table. I don't think it could have happened to a nicer guy. Enough about "The Brain" for now, let's move on to some more important people, as this month's column spans the spectrum of WCW news.

Did anyone happen to see the New Year's Night edition of the nationally-syndicated talk show 'Rolanda?' Well, the topic of the night was "1996 Predictions." And who was one of the panelists? You got it . . . Gary Spivey, the human Chia-pet who serves as Mr. Wonderful's personal soothsayer. Gary never mentioned Mr. Wonderful, for whatever that means, but did say actor Sylvester Stallone will get married in '96. Spivey also said, and I quote, "This is my real hair. Really."

Sting is scheduled to appear at the Daytona 500 NASCAR race in mid-February and, well, if anything happens to WCW driver Steve Grissom, who knows, maybe the Stinger will rip around the track a couple of times.

Terry Taylor, the Mecca of Manhood, who is heard each and every Tuesday on Option No. 1 of the WCW Hotline (1-900-909-9900), is — and I say this hesitantly as to not ruffle any feathers — my favorite. He truly has an insider's perspective. He makes my day, at least my Tuesday.

Mike Tenay, heard each Monday and Thursday on the Hotline, was on top of the Vader/WWF Royal Rumble story every step of the way, but that shouldn't come as a surprise. He has more contacts within the wrestling world than Dean Malenko has holds.

And talking of wrestlings most dangerous man, Dean Malenko, did you know he owns three pharmacies in Florida? So after he's twisted you in knots, he can probably advise you on a cure.

WCW moved its Worldwide and Pro tapings from Disney MGM Studios to Universal Studios. We return to Orlando for more tapings in early-May. Mark it down and plan now to attend those standing-room-only extravaganzas. Best of all, there is no admission fee. Yes, admission is free — and all of your favorite WCW superstars will be there.

In mid-January, the national weekly newspaper "Sports Collectors Digest" ran a two-page feature story on Flyin' Brian Pillman, a former All-American college football player who went on to play in the National Football League and Canadian Football League. The paper ran old football photos and his old football card.

The American Males appeared at an Atlanta Hawks' game in late-December and were greeted by the referees and several members of the Golden State Warriors' coaching staff. Also that night, Disco Inferno participated in a celebrity hoops contest. He easily, although not gracefully, made a lay-up; he missed a free throw and, well, let's just say he has a better chance of getting Bobby Heenan to fork over $49.95 for his new CD than to make a three-point shot with his technique. And how did Disco take out his frustration? By beating up Harry The Hawk, Atlanta's mascot.

Sting and Lex Luger participated in a golf tournament in Las Vegas during Clash week. My sources tell me that Sting won . . . he had more divots.

Here's a perfect trio: Hacksaw Jim Duggan and The Nasty Boys. The group attended a jai-alai match in Miami in mid-January.

Speaking of The Nasty Boys, did you see them wrestling Harlem Heat in a part of the hit movie "Grumpier Old Men."

"Das Wunderkind" Alex Wright was interviewed by "Sat 1" (comparable to "48 Hours" here in America) for a feature story to appear in his native Germany.

For your information — F.Y.I., as we say in the real world — here's a little info on Steve "Mongo" McMichael's standout football career as a defensive tackle: "Mongo" once had a 64-yard fumble recovery run versus the Tampa Bay Buccaneers . . . he was a consensus All-American at the University of Texas (Hook 'em, Horns!) . . . he was selected Defensive MVP of the 1980 Hula Bowl with 14 tackles . . . and, he had 372 tackles as a collegian.

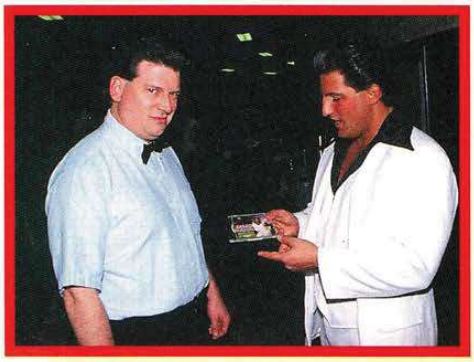
Since my arrival in WCW a few years ago, I have always had the utmost respect for Doug Dellinger, WCW's Director of Security. He's a man of law and order who is friendly and witty — and his job is, at times, the toughest in the company. I consider him a close friend. That's why, when Hulk Hogan smacked Doug twice with a chair in late-December on Monday Nitro, my heart nearly stopped. Doug, you see, wouldn't hurt anyone. In fact, as a real-life officer for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg (N.C.) Police Department, Doug often — and I do mean often — goes out of his way to help others. I spoke to Doug about two weeks after the incident. "I'm feeling a lot better, thanks," Doug said. "I had to have my back checked out at the hospital and, slowly, it's coming around." Doug added: "In my 25 years (involved in pro wrestling), I have never been hit so hard and with such impact, especially since it was a deliberate blow. The Hulkster usually will calm down when I get out there, but that time he didn't."

Hulkster, you know I've been the No. 1 Hulkamaniac for countless years, but, you were wrong inthis instance. And to Doug, best wishes.

In mid-December a card was held in Calgary, Canada as a tribute to Stu Hart and Stampede Wrestling. Two of the Four Horsemen who spent their formative years in Stampede took part in matches and both came away with a victory. Brian Pillman teamed with Bruce Hart in a one-off reformation of the team Badd Company to beat the Funks — Dory Jr. and Terry — while Chris Benoit pinned the WWF's Rad Radford.

Until next month, here's hoping a hockey team returns to Minnesota. Oops, wrong place for that. Here's hoping Bobby Heenan finds a friend, or at least some spare change.

Mean Gene Okerlund is the co-host of the weekly WCW Main Event program on TBS Superstation. You can also hear him every Saturday on the WCW Hotline.



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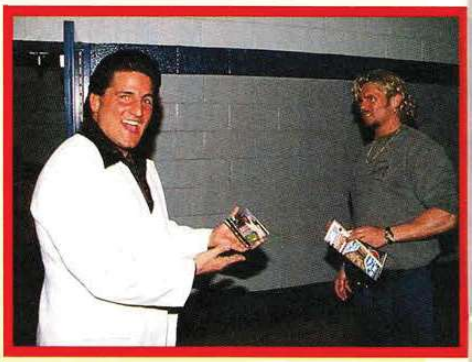


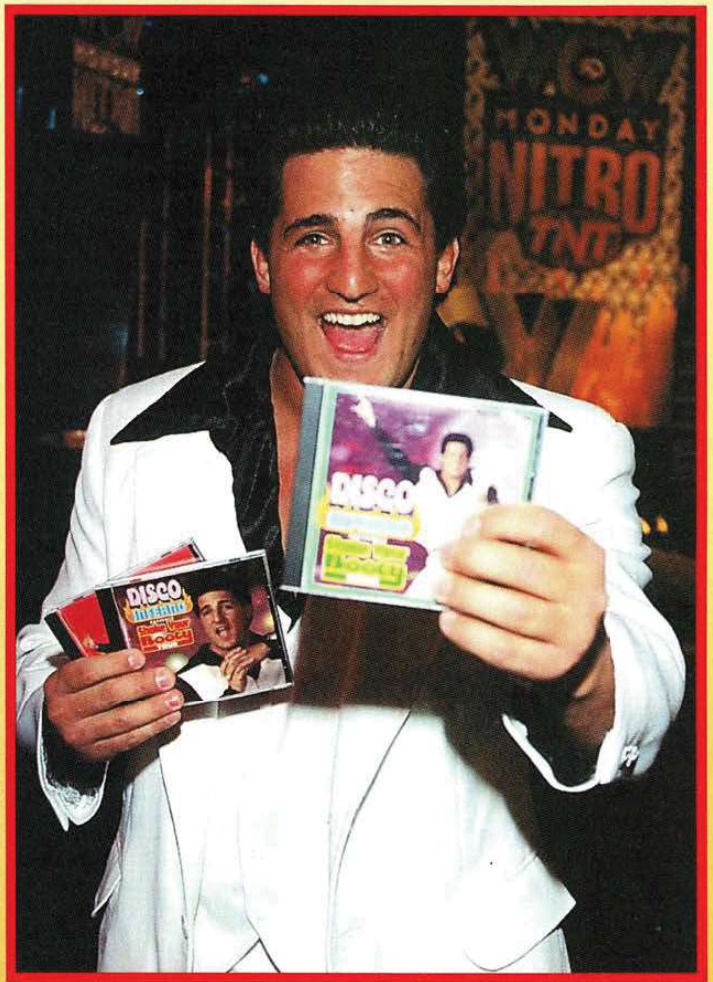
THE SOUNDS OF YESTERDAY, THE SUPERSTAR OF TOMORROW?

Can you believe the new WCW superstar known as Disco Inferno?

Week after week, turn on any of WCW's top-rated television programs, and you'll see him there, shaking his booty with the best of them . . . of course, the best of them were 20 years ago during the Disco Era.

"Hey, Gene, check out my new CD!" Disco claimed during a recent edition of WCW Saturday Night. "This disc has all the top disco hits of all time . . . and it's just $49.95! Amazing . . . all my favorite songs, and you get them all right here! I'll sell one of these to anybody!"

The fact that Mr. Inferno has been hawking his CDs to WCW officials and fans is just one of the disturbing aspects of his recent behavior. Recently, the WCW newcomer has given an excellent accounting of himself in televised matches against foes such as Eddy Guerrero and others, but even when he's been beaten . . . well . . . he leaps about and screams "I won!" after the final pinfall has been made. Is this guy for real? This young man is starting to irritate many people in WCW with his arrogant and odd behavior. Mr. Inferno, isn't disco, like, dead?



"No way, Jay!" Inferno intones. "I'm the hottest new star to hit WCW in years, just like my hot new dance CD that's sweeping the nation, number-one on the charts, rising up with a bullet, baby! Just like my suplexes and slams are gonna rock WCW, my music is the hottest thing today. Want to buy a copy? Got 50 bucks?"

We will give credit where credit is due: This Brooklyn, New York native has an opportunity to be one of the biggest new superstars to hit WCW in a long time. He's got incredible balance and aerial ability and his recent bout against Sting proved that he can go at it for a long time against even the finest competition. In addition, he's proven absolutely fearless in his first months in the league, taking on everyone from raw rookies to the WCW Top 10.

Speaking of Top 10's, it appears Inferno is spending far too much time concentrating on his music rather than on grappling. He begs to differ.

"Just you watch," says Disco Inferno. "Disco's making a big comeback and I'm gonna be the hottest thing ever in WCW. Hey, this is a great CD, too . . . Disco Fever . . . wanna buy it? Just $49.95 . . ."

Diamond Dallas Page's guide to RELAXATION

Diamond Dallas Page sat on a bench outside his locker room at the Nashville (Tenn.) Municipal Auditorium about two hours before his pre-Starrcade match against Dave Sullivan. Chuck Tache, WCW's trainer, was taping DDP's left ankle while the raunchy Las Vegas native chomped on a cigar and admired his rings.

"Life is good, pencil boy," DDP said as he saw WCW Magazine approach, notebook in hand. "You're probably going to say my column is due tonight? Right? Tough luck! You ain't gonna get it tonight! In fact, you ain't gonna get it for 10 days, cause I'm going to Palm Springs (Calif.) tonight — via jet, of course — for some R&R (rest and relaxation). Because I need some.

"I know you can't publish WCW Ragazine without my column, so you're just going to have to wait and delay all deadlines until I'm ready to write. Or, you can come to The Springs — that is, if you can scrape together enough pennies for your bus fare."

Well, it wasn't cheap — and some, like editor Colin Bowman, might argue that the money spent wasn't worth it — but, we did in fact meet DDP at his estate in Palm Springs. Or The Springs, as he likes to call it.

"As I suspected, the magazine doesn't go on without yours truly," said DDP, who was wearing a fire engine red Armani suit ("made by Armenians," he claims) and — believe it or not — a fur coat. Yes, DDP has the money to buy the threads, but, without a fashion designer at his side, namely Kimberly, he looks like a posterchild for the Salvation Army. And with the temperature in the 80s, one can only wonder why he needs a fur coat in the first place.

"This is going to be a long night, as they all are for the stud of this city. So, get ready to rock and roll like you've never rocked before."

The chauffeur-driven limousine, which could have held 10, arrives and we board. First, a tour.

"This house belongs to Donny, that one is for Rocky, while Billy Boy lives over there," DDP says, pointing to the homes of Donald Trump, the Rockefeller family and computer maven Bill Gates.

"That shack over there, yeah, the one that could sell in suburbia for less than $50,000, well, it belongs to some loser named Teddy; I've never met the kid, but they tell me he's worth only $27,000 ANNUALLY. Teddy really makes me laugh, especially while I enjoy my $13 million."

DDP leans forward and yells at his driver.

"Stop at Suzie's," Page says as a smile comes over his face. "Every night must start the same way, with a massage."

Seven bikini-clad, buxom babes pamper DDP to the extreme. Inga, for instance, is solely responsible for hand-feeding him grapes. Gigi, meanwhile, is responsible for the oil's temperature. Each girl appears to be a Hooters' employee.

"Look at what Kimberly is missing by being with that idiot Johnny B. Bozo," DDP says. "Kimberly could be here right now massaging my maximus glutumus, but, instead, she's eating cheeseburgers and fries with Bozo."

"I keep hearing people say that it really was Kimberly who won the $13 million, but my reaction to them is simple: Hah! She's so stupid that she couldn't catch a cold in Alaska. And this video that supposedly shows her winning the money — not me — well, it is nothing more than computer-generated garbage. You know how these computer geeks work; just trust me. This is part of a conspiracy that will make Watergate look like the teddy bears' picnic."

The limo has 25 bottles of Don Perignon, none earlier than 1971. It also has every known alcohol in the western hemisphere, and probably even some that haven't yet been diagnosed.

"There's nothing like a fine glass of wine before dinner," DDP said. "Tonight I have the taste for some cow, with those little snail things as an appetizer. For dessert, I'm going with cream brolly."

After dinner — during which DDP insists the waiter re-do his entrees three times for no apparent reason — Page stops for his nightly manicure and pedicure. He also has a facial and bubble bath and, believe it or not, the old cucumber-over-the-eyes treatment. He then spends about 50 minutes in a jaccuzi, while jeweler after jeweler approach with their latest rings.

In all, his nightly — yes, nightly — grooming ritual takes close to five hours, at a cost of nearly $6,000.

What's next?

"My Cohiba cigar and a cup of Kona coffee, which I had some Columbian dude hand-pick the beans," DDP said. (Editor's note, DDP was under the assumption that Kona coffee beans were from Columbia, not Hawaii.)

"Ya know, I'm feeling lucky tonight, let's go check out the ponies."

Four hours later, DDP left the polo match. He was then off to a disco, which he paid (a reported $25,000) to remain open after 5 a.m.

"My guess is that Johnny B. Bozo is feeling pretty lucky, pretty cocky right about now," DDP said. "But the only thing he should be grateful about is that I haven't come at him full bore just yet. Then I'll beat him 1-2-3 and there won't be any more of these travesties of justice I've endured all year. Basically, I was nothing more than a victim of circumstances in 1995."

DDP danced for the next four hours, with about 20 different "dolls" an hour. "Once again, look at what Kimberly is missing," he said, "but trust me, she'll soon be back begging me for forgiveness, and I don't know if I'll give it to her."

DDP's evening ended at about 10:30 — the following morning.

"Glad you got to spend some time with me, kid; the pleasure was all yours," DDP said. "Now get the hell out of here!"

EXPERT LEX

ASSESSMENT

In this exclusive WCW Magazine feature, four of World Championship Wrestling's most knowledgeable personalities take an up-close-and-personal look at current WCW Superstars.
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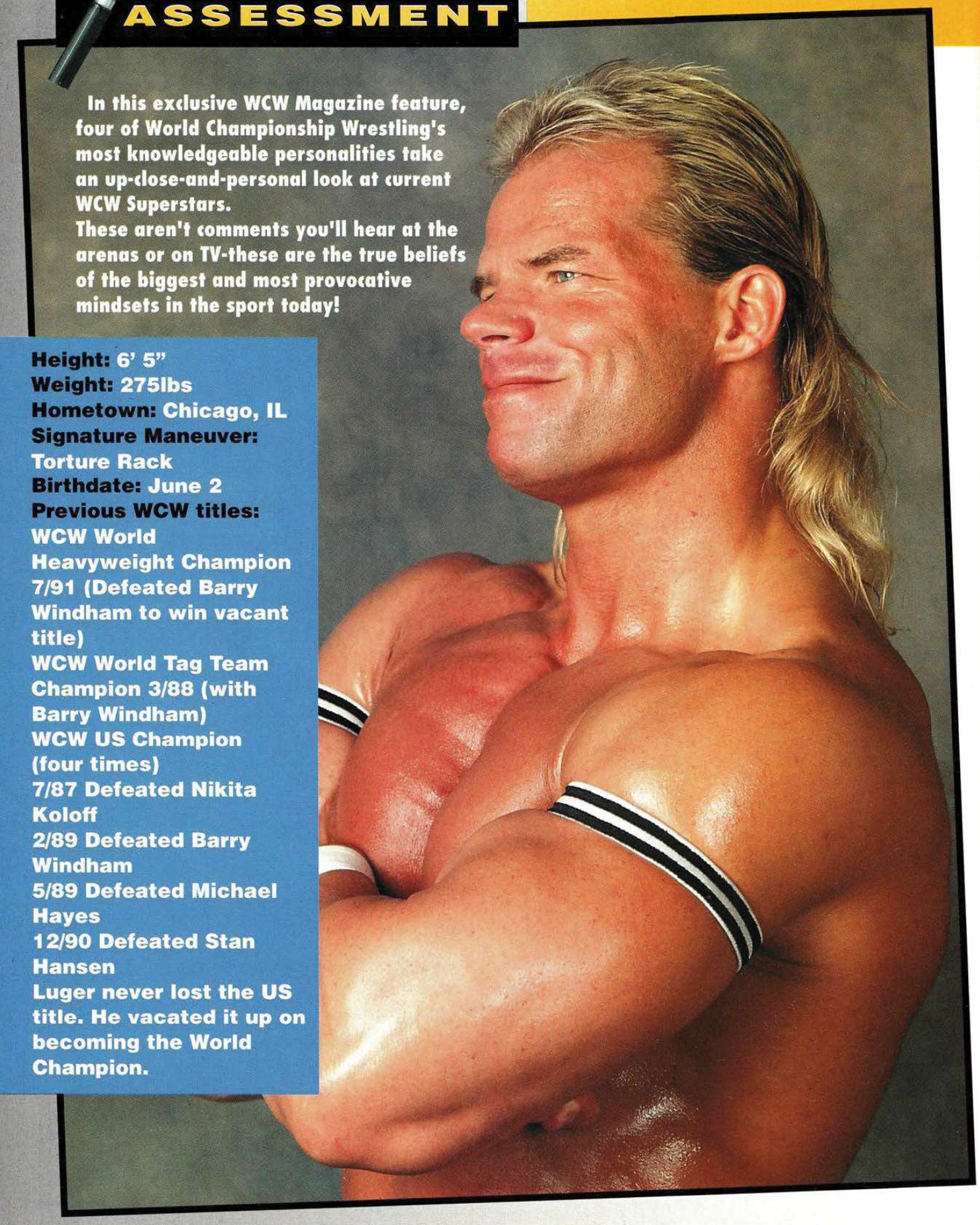

Height: 6' 5"
Weight: 275lbs
Hometown: Chicago, IL
Signature Maneuver: Torture Rack
Birthdate: June 2
Previous WCW titles:
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WCW World Tag Team Champion 3/88 (with Barry Windham)
WCW US Champion (four times)
7/87 Defeated Nikita Koloff
2/89 Defeated Barry Windham
5/89 Defeated Michael Hayes
12/90 Defeated Stan Hansen
Luger never lost the US title. He vacated it up on becoming the World Champion.

LUGER

"There is no doubt in anyone's mind that the most important person in WCW is yours truly, since I have the most accurate perceptions about what is going on here. I can say this without reservation: Ever since Mr. Luger entered WCW a few months ago, he's turned the entire federation on its ear. He challenged Hogan and damn near won the WCW World Heavyweight title in his very first week in the organization! How often can you say that about anyone? Naturally, I think that Buck, Slater, or either of my Super Assassins could beat Luger, but he's a great athlete. I won't take anything away from him in this forum, sir."

Colonel Robert Parker

Col. Robert Parker is the self-proclaimed greatest showman in the world. He has several top WCW wrestlers under his guidance.

"Lex came back here a few months ago and there was something different about him this time. Don't you agree? Right off the bat, he said he wanted to be where the big boys play, and that's here in WCW. That showed me he had his head screwed on right. But later when he attacked Randy Savage, Hulk Hogan, hired Jimmy Hart and said, in essence, that he didn't care about his fans, it showed his head is all messed up. So what's correct? I hope Sting is right. I hope the Stinger sits down and tells Lex that there's nothing that Jimmy Hart can give him but a hard time. Luger's greatness is apparent, but he's a very confused individual right now."

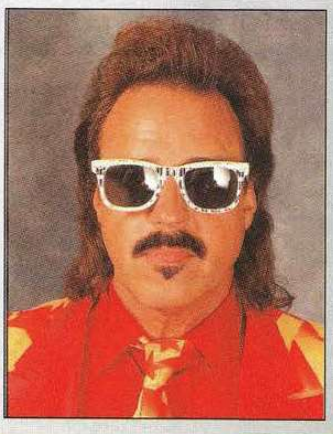
Dusty Rhodes

Dusty Rhodes, "The American Dream," is one of the most popular wrestlers of all time. During his incredible career he has managed to win the NWA World Heavyweight Championship on three different occasions.

"For once, I agree with every move this man is making! He was right to wash himself of all of that Hulkamania hooey and get out there and establish a name for himself and himself only. He doesn't need to be licking Hogan's boots like Savage, Sting and so many other people are. The only way to become a legend, like I did, is to rid yourself of any comparisons and become great on your own. I did that when I got rid of the specter of Bruno Sammartino, you see. Now, Luger has a great manager in Jimmy Hart, more desire than I've ever seen him display and more natural talent than any six guys I can name. He's on top of WCW and rightfully so."

Larry Zbyszko

"Living Legend" Larry Zbyszko is regarded as one of the greatest wrestlers in history. He is currently the co-host of WCW Pro on TBS Superstation.



"Those idiot fans keep asking me the same dumb question all the time: How could Jimmy Hart leave a man like Hulk Hogan? I have a very simple answer for them: Lex Luger! They don't call him the 'Total Package' for nothing and I'm telling you this right now. Lex Luger is going to be the WCW Heavyweight Champion of the world! Want proof? Did you see the way he beat up on Randy Savage? Did you see what he did to Hulk Hogan when he got him up in the Human Torture Rack? He might not have the belt now, but it's only a matter of time, baby. Luger is the dominant man in WCW, and I'm the only manager capable of leading him to glory."

Jimmy Hart

Jimmy Hart is arguably the greatest manager in the history of the sport. Currently he is associated with The Dungeon of Doom and Lex Luger.

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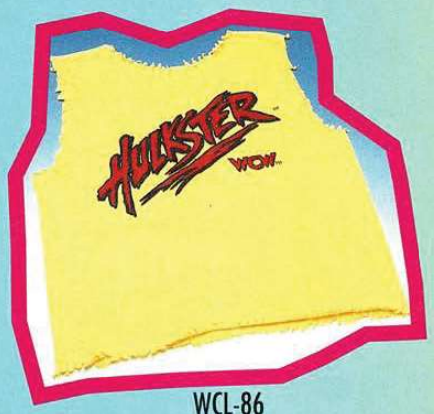

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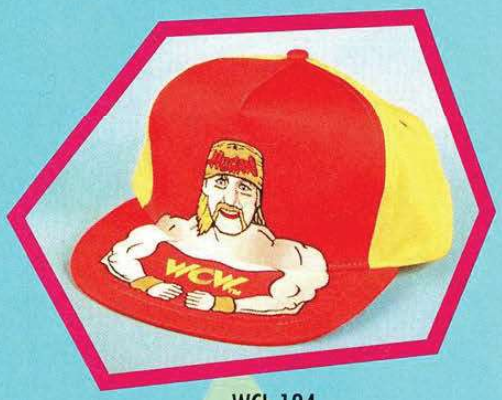

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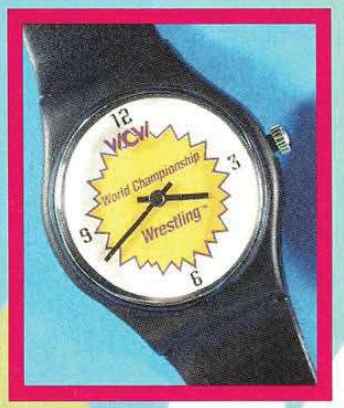

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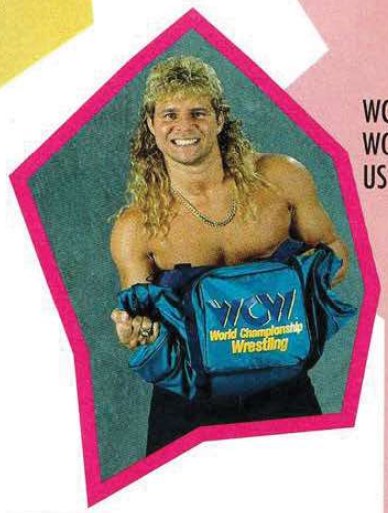

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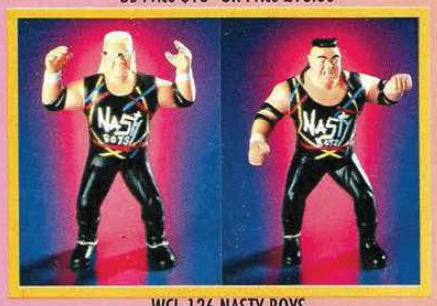

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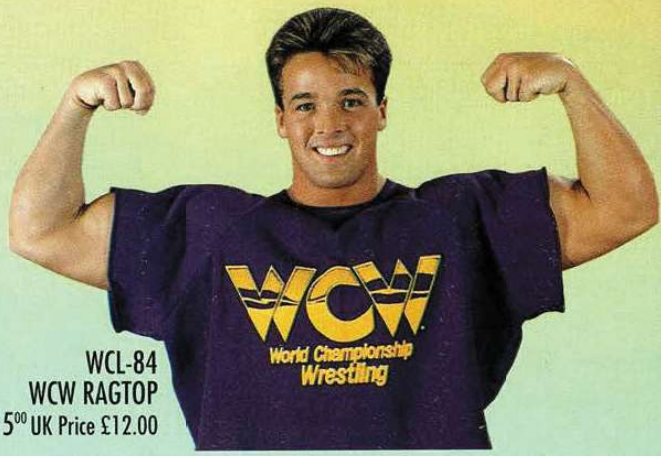

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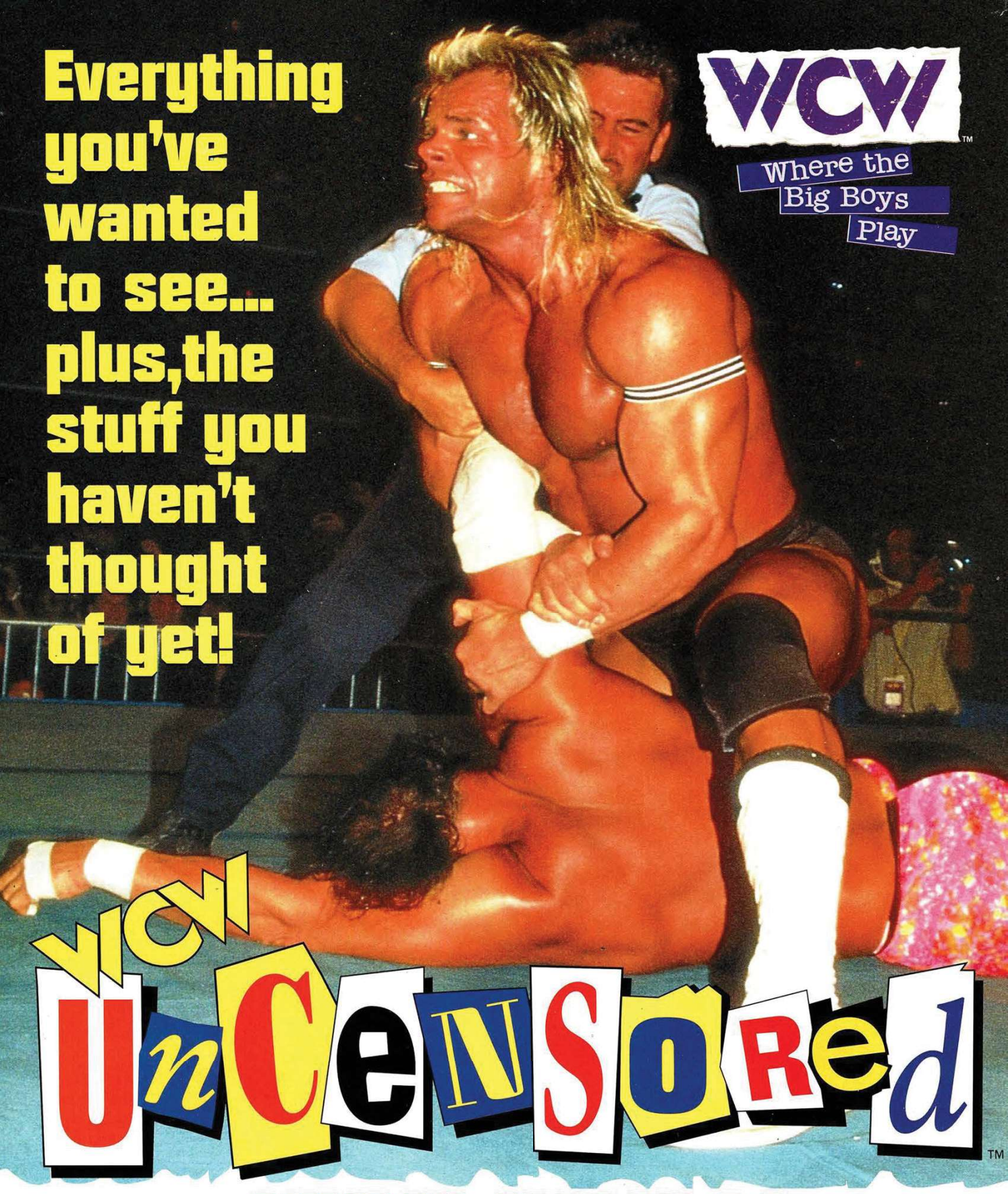

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